

Split on nuclear weapons as union defies leadership

Todd threat to Kinnock on defence

- The rift between Mr Kinnock and Mr Ron Todd will widen today when the TGWU block vote backs unilateralism
- Many labour leaders accused Mr Todd of betrayal for denouncing the party's policy review
- The Labour leadership may also be defeated over a compromise motion allowing a multilateral nuclear policy
- Mr Stanley Clinton Davies, a Labour EEC Commissioner, attacked Mrs Thatcher over the environment

By Philip Webster and Roland Rudd

The leader of Britain's biggest union will underline his rift on defence policy with Mr Neil Kinnock today when he casts 1.25m union votes in favour of outright unilateralism at the Labour Party conference.

Last night, the Labour leadership was facing defeat on a headline motion backed by Mr Ron Todd that commits a Labour government to removing nuclear weapons in the lifetime of one parliament.

But it was bracing itself for an even more damaging setback over a carefully constructed compromise plan to allow Labour to move towards a multilateralist position. A

succession of left-led unions decided to cast their block votes against the leadership-backed motion, and according to senior sources, the 600,000-vote National Union of Public Employees will do the same at its delegation meeting this morning before the crucial conference debate.

The vote on that motion is now on a knife-edge, with a few thousand votes likely to determine the outcome.

Mr Todd, the transport workers' general secretary, came under vitriolic attack by

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Labour's industrial and political leaders yesterday over his denunciation of the party's policy review, criticism which he defiantly repeated on the floor of the Labour conference in Blackpool.

He was accused of betrayal and treachery by MPs and fellow trade union chiefs.

Mr Neil Kinnock and Mr Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader, delivered to a rally on Tuesday night, would have no effect on their determination to press ahead with modernizing reforms.

The leadership suffered a further setback yesterday when the conference voted to boycott the Government's new Employment Training scheme, in line with the TUC's decision last month but against the national executive's advice.

Mr Todd's union was again lined up against the platform.

So great is the anger within the party over Mr Todd's outspoken attack, which was felt to have marred Mr Kinnock's initial conference triumph, that some leadership sources believe it will affect the mood of today's debate.

tempering any personal antagonism against the party leader.

Mr Kinnock said yesterday that he was bewildered by Mr Todd's behaviour.

The leader's aides angrily denied claims by the Todd camp that he had warned Mr Kinnock of what he was going to say in his speech. The speech included an attack against "sharp-suited, cordless telephone socialism".

Mr Todd's motives were a source of a frenzied debate both within his union and the party yesterday.

Although Mr Todd told friends that he had been planning to make a speech defending Labour's traditional socialist values since last April, he caused widespread offence within right-wing ranks of the union. Mr Brian Nicholson, the former chairman, called for his resignation.

Members of the shadow cabinet and other union officials felt Mr Todd's outburst had more to do with the internal politics of his own hard-left union executive.

Mr Todd, who comes up for re-election by 1990, delivered the TGWU vote for Mr Hattersley in the leadership election in spite of the misgivings of executive colleagues who are critical of the direction of the policy review.

In that context, Mr Todd's remarks were seen as an attempt to restore credit.

Labour leadership sources made it plain last night that any defeat today would not impede the overall defence policy review.

On issues apart from defence, the leadership believes it can isolate Mr Todd if he maintains his opposition.

Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said yesterday that Mr Todd failed to

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Mr Ron Todd sharing a joke at Blackpool with his deputy, Mr Bill Morris, yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Anti-Thatcher outburst from Labour's EEC commissioner

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

A European Commissioner yesterday launched an unprecedented assault on Mrs Thatcher, accusing her of consistently frustrating Common Market efforts to protect the environment—in contrast to her recent speech putting environmental concerns at the top of the political agenda.

Mr Stanley Clinton Davies charged that Mrs Thatcher and her Government had regularly objected to proposals designed to clean up Europe, and had delayed the implementation of measures they could not prevent, earning Britain the title of "the dirty man of Europe".

He urged them to stop the discharge of poisonous sewage sludge into the sea, saying: "The UK, in a minority of one, is currently blocking Community action".

The former Labour MP, whom Mrs Thatcher is dropping as one of Britain's two commissioners in January, yesterday chose the fringes of the Labour Party conference in Blackpool to make a comprehensive and politically damaging attack on the Prime

Minister. He declared that Mrs Thatcher's recent speech was the first time she had allowed the word "environment" to escape her lips.

"She says that she cares. Mr Ridley says that he cares. So I suppose they must care."

"The trouble is that for nearly four years as a European Commissioner for the Environment I have seen first-hand evidence of the Government in action, or rather inaction, on the Community stage on nearly all the issues so carefully selected by the Prime



Mr Clinton Davies: Britain in a minority of one in Brussels.

Minister. There they were, I suppose they would say leading from the rear, obstructing, objecting to proposals to reduce atmospheric pollution, water pollution, the improved quality of human and animal life.

"Any excuse to avoid or delay progress would be deployed: 'more research', 'more studies are needed', 'the scientific case has not been fully established', 'industry is not ready', 'market forces must be allowed to set the pace' and, of course, 'it impacts national sovereignty'."

Mr Clinton Davies claimed that on issues fundamental to the health of the people, the Government had frequently failed to honour directives and plans to which they had "grudgingly" subscribed their names.

This applied to efforts to clean up beaches, provide purer and safer drinking water and to regulate the disposal of toxic waste.

Though the potentially fatal consequences of the "greenhouse effect" were now recognized, said Mr Clinton

Davis, the UK had dragged its feet and lobbied its EEC partners to go for the lowest reductions in use and production of chlorofluorocarbons.

Mr Clinton Davies's detailed attack is part of a concerted strategy by the Labour Party, which believes that Mrs Thatcher has made herself vulnerable by opening up the environmental debate.

Following an assertion of the Democrats' Green credentials by Mr Paddy Ashdown in his leader's speech, Mr Kinnock devoted a large section of his Blackpool speech on Tuesday to challenging the Prime Minister to produce legislation.

He promised to support a Bill to control pesticides, sea-dumping and atmospheric pollution if she introduced one.

Government sources were angry last night at what they considered Mr Clinton Davies's breach of convention in launching the attack, and ministers were privately calling his speech an example of sour grapes from a man who is to lose his Brussels post.

Borrie orders petrol price probe

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission is to launch a full-scale investigation into alleged petrol price-fixing by the major oil companies.

Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, has confirmed in an unpublished letter to Mr Ken Warren, chairman of the Commons Trade and Industry select committee, that he will order an investigation into the "supply of petrol".

In July the all-party committee published a damning report based on its own lengthy inquiry which said there was prima facie evidence of illegal retail price maintenance.

The MPs said that they had found little sign of any genuine competition between the major companies and much circumstantial evidence of anti-competitive practices.

They said it was hard to prove a cartel existed, but pointed to the way petrol prices rose and fell in unison, to the fact that the oil companies frequently sell each other's petrol to save on delivery costs, and to the fact that the companies have consistently maintained market shares at just below the 20 to 25 per cent level that would trigger an automatic investigation.

The Petrol Retailers' Association, which supplied much of the evidence against the companies, also welcomed the news, saying it was clear something had to be done about the way the major companies controlled the petrol market.

But the companies themselves said that they regretted Sir Gordon's decision. Some had angrily criticized the report when it was published.

A spokesman for BP Oil said yesterday: "We do not think anything came out in the select committee inquiry to warrant a referral. However, if that is what is going to happen we will of course co-operate fully and it may give us the chance to clear the air."

● The oil price continued to fall yesterday, as Indonesia joined Saudi Arabia in threatening to boost production if other OPEC members continue to breach output quotas and the International Energy Agency confirmed an oil glut.

North Sea Brent ended the day 25 cents down on Tuesday, after falling as low as 11.35 dollars a barrel in early trading. In the United States, the big oil companies cut one dollar off the "benchmark" price they will pay for crude.

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Rangers win

Rangers progressed to the second round of the UEFA Cup, 5-2 on aggregate, after beating Katowice 4-2 in Poland in the second leg of their first round tie. Page 44

Imran returns

Imran Khan is expected to return as Pakistan cricket captain for the forthcoming tour of Australia and New Zealand. Page 44

Clowes hitch

Mr Peter Clowes, who headed the crashed investment group Barlow Clowes, is refusing to agree to the sale of a luxury yacht bought with money from a client account. Page 25

City jobs cut

Fears of substantial job losses in the City after the Stock Exchange announced it was cutting 85 clerical posts as a result of continuing slow trading in the markets. Page 25

Bar results

Results of the Michaelmas Bar examination appear in tomorrow's edition of *The Times*. More degrees awarded by London University are published today. Page 28

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Legionnaires fear shuts BAe plant

By Ian Smith

Health experts were last night investigating water systems at the British Aerospace factory at Lostock, near Bolton, Greater Manchester, after two workers contracted Legionnaires' Disease. Management closed the plant and sent home 2,800 workers.

One worker at the plant, which provides electrical components for guided missiles, is seriously ill in Bolton General Hospital. Tests are being carried out on a second man whose condition was described as poorly. A third, Mr Tom Willett, aged 60, was discharged from hospital, suffering from a mild form of the illness.

Other employees who suffer any illness or feel unwell were urged to contact their local doctor.

Medical scientists from Withington public health department in Manchester are

examining water pipes, central heating ducts, water testing chambers and cooling towers as well as shower units and wash handbasins in plant lavatories.

"We are leaving nothing to chance. As yet we do not even know for certain that the Legionnaires' Disease outbreak started here but there was no alternative but to close the plant as a safety precaution," Mr Alan Piper, of British Aerospace, said.

Mr Piper said vast quantities of water pass through the steam-powered heating system operable throughout the plant. However, he hoped it would re-open within days—possibly even this morning.

British Aerospace employs a firm of specialist contractors to inspect, clean and maintain its water carrying systems. The last inspection took place three months ago.

Toxteth violence inquiry

Lord Gifford, QC, is to head an inquiry which it is hoped will prevent an outbreak of street violence in central Liverpool.

The four-member inquiry will examine relationships between police and the black community in the Toxteth area and recommend new policies to avoid major confrontations.

The Liverpool city council, which is funding the £54,000 inquiry, has become increasingly concerned about unrest in Liverpool 8, where poor housing, unemployment and widespread drugs trafficking have turned the streets into a partial no-go area for police.

Councillors, social workers, community leaders, police and people living in the district will be interviewed in an attempt to avert what is seen as a potentially dangerous situation.

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Hopes of vaccine for birth control

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A contraceptive vaccine for both men and women could be developed in the next few years, researchers believe.

The vaccine, which would act against sperm, might emerge from work by American scientists who have achieved 100 per cent effective contraception in male and female guinea pigs.

The results of the research are published in *Nature* today. An accompanying article says that they provide "convincing evidence" for the feasibility of developing an effective contraceptive vaccine based on sperm-specific antigens.

"They indicate that such a vaccine could control both male and female fertility and that the effects should be fully reversible. The major impact (of the research) is unequivocally to demonstrate that the principle of an anti-sperm contraceptive vaccine is well-founded," the article says. The

research has been carried out at the University of Connecticut Health Centre, Farmington, by Dr Paul Primakoff and colleagues.

The researchers explain that immunization of male and female animals with extracts of whole sperm cells is already known to cause infertility. Also, men and women who spontaneously produce anti-sperm antibodies are infertile, but otherwise healthy.

Although the crucial sperm antigens are as yet unknown, existing knowledge has led to the possibility that sperm proteins might be useful in the development of a vaccine, the researchers say.

If such a vaccine were to be produced, it would be of immense value in over-populated, developing countries stricken by poverty and disease, *Nature* says.

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Oxford in talks to open new college in Japan

By Joe Joseph, Tokyo and Sam Kiley, London

Oxford University is negotiating to set up a college in Japan, the university's first outside the Oxford city limits since its formation some 800 years ago.

Discussions are underway between St Catherine's College, a Japanese industrial firm, and Kobe, where the college would be established. It would provide a one-year course for Japanese graduates, who could then move to Oxford to read for a two-year master's degree.

The university is well known in Japan because of its links with the Imperial family. Prince Hiro, Emperor Hirohito's grandson, who is second in line to the throne, studied there. Prince Aya, his brother, still does.

The scheme is the idea of Professor

Alan Taylor, a mathematician and fellow of St Catherine's College, who came up with it this month while on a tour of Japan with the university's rugby club.

A spokesman for Kobe Steel, the industrial company involved, said that when Professor Taylor came to Kobe with the rugby team, he had discussions with Mr Sokichi Kametaka, the company's president, and the regional Governor of Hyogo.

"Ideally, we would like to see a joint venture between Kobe Steel, St Catherine's, and the city council of Kobe to set up the subsidiary college," said Professor Taylor.

Oxford would undertake to supply about six tutors and language teachers drawn from among recent graduates,

while the Japanese would provide the necessary accommodation.

Professor Taylor explained that there was no shortage of Japanese graduates seeking places at Oxford, but their degrees tended to be of a lower standard than the British equivalents, so that few were admitted without additional study.

If the new college becomes a reality, it is likely to swell Oxford University's fashionable appeal in Japan, where what might be called designer universities are as sought after as designer clothes.

This will be particularly good news for Sir Patrick Neill, QC, the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, when he returns from a tour of the United States this week. He is to launch a "Campaign for Oxford" at the end of October with campaign offices in Oxford, New York—and Tokyo.



Sir Patrick Neill, QC: New venture will be good news.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Prison officers' dispute worsens

The jail dispute worsened yesterday with the decision by prison officers' leaders to issue instructions for a day of nationwide protest in England and Wales.

Mr John Bartell, chairman of the Prison Officers' Association, announced the decision at a special delegate conference in London.

The action will be in response to the suspension of five officers at Holloway prison, north London. Mr Hurd gave the association an ultimatum on September 29 that if there were not satisfactory progress within three weeks in settling disputes in five other prisons over staffing issues "the local response must include the suspension without pay of staff who refuse to work properly."

Officers are also angered by Mr Hurd's threat to suspend the national collection by management of members' subscriptions on behalf of the association unless progress in ending the disputes is satisfactory.

Channel swim case

The Channel Swimming Association would do everything in its power to help the two Britons and an American charged in France with being responsible for the death of Senhora Renata Agondi, a cross-Channel swimmer, on August 23, the association's medical officer said last night. Dr Christopher Stockdale was "shocked" that Mr Colin Cook, trawler master, Mr Graham Featherbe, mate, both from Folkestone, and Mr Mark Lewis, the association observer, had been charged in Boulogne with failing to help Agondi.

Grey seals miss virus

Scientists from the Nature Conservancy Council in Orkney, which has one sixth of the world's grey seals, said last night they were optimistic that the species had escaped the distemper virus killing thousands of common seals in the North Sea. The pupping season for the grey seal is about to reach a peak but an extensive boat trip this week around the islands failed to find any dead adults. So far, about 320 common seals have died in the Orkneys out of an estimated population of about 6,600.

Film on the Pope

The Pope will give a detailed insight into his life and beliefs in a three-part BBC documentary next month. The corporation said the Pontiff is shown speaking openly about his early life in Poland and his decision to become a priest in conversation with Mr Richard Denton, the programme's producer. Mr Denton said: "We had been following and filming him for eight months, so perhaps a kind of relationship had been created in which he felt he could make this contribution."

Pills could choke

The Government is planning a ban on the sale of types of slimming pills that could cause choking. The dehydrated tablets with a high concentration of gum are meant to swell in the stomach, thus suppressing the appetite. However, evidence from other countries has shown that the tablets can swell in the gullet, causing obstruction. The ban is likely to take effect next month unless the food industry persuades the Government otherwise. The products concerned, which have not been named, are sold mainly by mail order.

'Fresh' meat checks

Health chiefs in the cities of Birmingham, Hereford, and Worcester are cracking down on butchers who are said to be selling meat that has been frozen and then thawed out as "fresh". The campaign comes in the run-up to Christmas, when they will be visiting butchers to prevent them selling frozen turkeys as fresh in an attempt to make a profit. The National Federation of Meat Traders has warned housewives to buy from reputable butchers to cut the risk.

Business crash may have lost IRA cash

By Jamie Dettmer
Irish Affairs Correspondent

The IRA is believed to have lost substantial sums of money from smuggling operations after the collapse of a currency exchange business on the Irish border.

Gardaí detectives suspect that the IRA or individual smugglers acting on the terrorists' behalf were caught up in the recent collapse of a currency exchange business in Newry and Dundalk run by a debarred solicitor. They believe that between £500,000 (about £420,000) and £2 million may have gone missing, a large proportion of it belonging to the IRA.

The solicitor, who was debarred by the Bar Council in 1983 after allegations of malpractice, was abducted at gunpoint last Friday when he turned up for a meeting with his creditors at a Dundalk hotel. He later escaped.

His son was abducted two days before by armed men and then released with a threat to his father. Gardaí have asked for the solicitor's name not to be disclosed.

Ordinary smugglers are also believed to have lost substantial sums

The BBC yesterday defused the dispute over its sudden shelving of Monday's scheduled Panorama on the SAS by fixing October 17 as its new transmission date.

The announcement came after a meeting in Blackpool between Mr John Birt, deputy director-general of the BBC, and Mr Don Brist, father of the National Union of Journalists' BBC news and current affairs chapel.

The additions to the programme now being worked on are believed to centre on exploring the practical means by which public accountability of the SAS could be increased.

The exchange operator's business involved offering better rates than those given by the banks for changing Irish pounds and sterling. He specialised in collecting the large number of punts taken in shops on the northern side of the border and exchanging them. Many legitimate traders in the Newry area are also understood to have used the exchange business. They made more on the exchange rate the solicitor offered than they could with the banks.

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bomb after a warning from the IRA.

The alert came exactly 24 hours after the murder of Mr Brian Armour, the senior prison officer killed in a car bomb on Tuesday.

The IRA said in a statement: "Mr Murtagh was lucky. He and his colleagues will not always be so lucky."

News of the bomb came as members of the Prison Officers Association met senior government officials to discuss security arrangements.

The Northern Ireland Office said after the two-hour meeting that top priority would be given to new measures designed to safeguard the lives of prison officers.

The IRA said that members of its Belfast brigade had planted 2lb of Semtex, the plastic explosive, under Mr Murtagh's Honda Accord while it was parked 200 yards from the Army's main headquarters in Northern Ireland.

It said that it had targeted Mr Murtagh because he had helped to introduce practices aimed at breaking the morale of "our imprisoned comrades".

Cash for schools to teach all faiths

By Douglas Brown
Education Reporter

The Government is offering extra money to schools in Northern Ireland that integrate Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils.

Segregated schools will be encouraged to opt out and become "Grail-Maintained Integrated Schools" giving a non-sectarian education to both communities.

Schools opting out will get priority in the allocation of capital funding to help them expand their buildings. New integrated schools will receive government help with their running costs for the first three years. The Northern Ireland Office will become legally bound to encourage integration in schools.

An agreed programme of religious education, including the study of both creeds, will be compulsory for all pupils as part of a new common curriculum.

The mainly Protestant state schools and the Roman Catholic Church schools will be obliged to provide "Education for Mutual Understanding", using the curricula to breakdown stereotypes.

Sectarian schools will retain the freedom to teach their own view of Christianity but they will be required to offer pupils an understanding of attitudes on opposing sides of the community divide.

Dr Brian Mawhinney, Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said the Government believed that bringing together Catholics and Protestants in the classroom was "a vital first step" in overcoming divisions.

The education reform package, "a decision and not a proposal", goes beyond measures outlined in a Green Paper last March.

However ministers have dropped plans to import key aspects of the reforms in England and Wales that give all schools the right to total self-control.

Father Dennis Paul, the headmaster of St Patrick's Boys Academy in Dungannon, Co Tyrone, said that by offering extra money to integrated schools the Government was discriminating against church schools.

"This is a very bad idea which will fail and it will be a very expensive failure. Parents do not want integrated education. It is a threat to their right to have their children educated according to their beliefs."

Cheltenham ban on unions

TUC cabinet to debate strike call

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The TUC has called an emergency meeting of its "inner cabinet" to decide how to fight the Government decision to end all trade union membership at the GCHQ eavesdropping and communications centre at Cheltenham.

The decision was taken after Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, met Mr Peter Jones, secretary of the Council of Civil Service Unions, which will today decide to ask almost 500,000 members to take strike action for a minimum of 24 hours in protest against the move.

When members of the "cabinet" — the Finance and General Purposes committee — meet next Wednesday, two days before the Government deadline on union membership at GCHQ, there are likely to be calls to support the civil service unions by organizing a national strike.

Last night Mr Willis praised the "brave individuals who stood out against enormous pressure in defence of their basic rights" and promised them support.

Because of the law, which can lead to heavy fines and the sequestration of the assets of unions taking part in action which does not directly concern them, it is likely that any support which the "cabinet" decides to give will fall short of calls for full-scale strike action.

Civil Service union leaders are confident their decision to ballot members on strike action is within the law and will receive widespread support.

Mr John Ellis, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, the biggest Whitehall union, said: "We are totally determined and confident our members will vote for strike action and we are looking to the TUC to give us massive support."

"The issue is not just one for civil servants, it is about the fundamental, basic and democratic right to join a trade union. It is about telling the Government the ban they imposed in January 1984 is as unacceptable now as it was then."

The Government has said the 18 trade union members left at GCHQ must by October 14 renounce their membership or accept transfer to other departments. If they do not do so they will be dismissed.

Two die as lorry falls on car



Firemen with the wreckage of the car crushed by a lorry and its load of chipboard in Devon.

An elderly couple were crushed to death yesterday when an articulated lorry loaded with 22 tons of chipboard toppled on to their car, flattening it into a pile of metal just 18 inches high.

The accident happened as the lorry tried to negotiate a sharp bend on the Liverton to Bickington road seconds after leaving the A38 at the Drum Bridges roundabout, near

Bovey Tracey in Devon. The side of the lorry and the chipboard completely enveloped the couple's Ford Escort and 25 firemen tore at the wreckage to try to reach them.

An 80ft crane was brought in to lift the chipboard and the road was blocked for several hours. Police think the couple, believed to come from Plymouth, died instantly. The lorry driver was taken to Torbay Hospital with hip injuries.

Piper Alpha module to be raised today

By Kerry Gill

The accommodation module thought to contain up to 112 victims of the Piper Alpha oil platform disaster is expected to be raised from the North Sea today.

Occidental, the platform owner, said the main module — which weighs 1,100 tonnes and is the size of a four storey building — had been lifted off the seabed and lowered onto a purpose-built lifting frame.

A smaller module, which weighs 180 tonnes, is also being prepared to be lifted by the Derrick Barge 102, a huge vessel equipped with two cranes which, together, are capable of lifting up to 12,000 tonnes.

But the success of the lifting operation, which is likely to take 12 hours and has been dogged by bad weather, depends on weather conditions remaining favourable.

Both modules were lying at about 475 feet beneath the

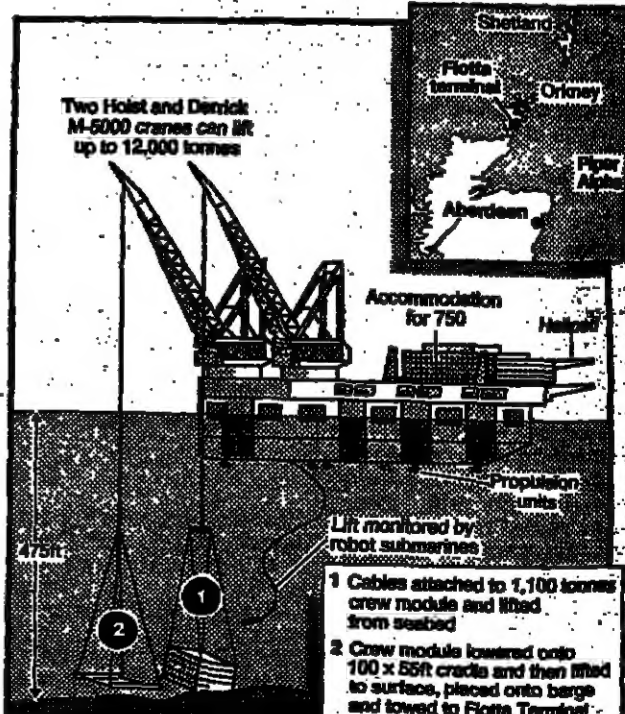
surface and the recovery operation, which began two weeks ago, has involved 400 men working from 10 vessels.

As the modules are raised their movement will be monitored by cameras beneath the barge.

Then they will be taken to Flotta in Orkney where they will be searched under the direction of Grampian Police.

Meanwhile, two Department of Energy inspectors yesterday began investigating the alert on Chevron's Ninian Central platform on Tuesday when a gas leak occurred in a gas compression module — a similar incident to that which caused the Piper Alpha disaster.

Mr Cedric Laverington, Chevron's public affairs manager, oil production on the three associated fields, Magnus, North Alwyn and Heather, was stopped, after the alert but later restarted.



Figures overstate true unemployment

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Nearly a third of all people claiming unemployment benefit last year were not actually unemployed, according to the Department of Employment in its monthly Employment Gazette.

However, there was also a substantial number of people who could have claimed unemployment benefit but chose not to do so. Some 840,000 people who were unemployed did not claim benefit. These were mainly married women.

The department said that 910,000 people claiming benefit last year would not have

been regarded as unemployed on the international definitions used by the International Labour Organization and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. This was because they were not looking for work, because they were not immediately available, or because they had a job.

Unemployment on the ILO/OECD definition was 2,977,000, compared with 3,058,000 on the claimant count, a difference of 81,000. In other words, the official count used in Britain may overstate the true unemployment position.

The results, derived from the 1987 Labour Force Survey, showed that of 910,000 claimants who were not unemployed, 730,000 were classified as economically inactive. These included 360,000 claimants who were not looking for work at all.

A further 140,000 people were not available for work within the next fortnight and others may not have understood the survey question. property, the Gazette article said.

Survey shows end of property boom

By Christopher Warrman
Property Correspondent

House prices in the three months to the end of September went up by 10 per cent, and by 26 per cent in the last 12 months, the highest increase since 1980, the Nationwide Anglia Building Society announced yesterday in its latest survey.

But that represents the final days of the property boom, it concluded. "We have probably seen the last really big house price increase for a while," Mr Brian Whitfield, Nationwide Anglia's general manager, said. "With mortgage rates

now rising, and people paying, on average, as much for their homes as their incomes will allow, the market is set to cool over the next few months."

This latest bulletin on house prices shows that home-buyers are now paying an average of 4.5 times their annual income for a home, the highest figure ever recorded. The society says that price to income ratios that high cannot last long, and that there were signs that the house price boom was starting to slow, especially in London and the South-east.

In the last three months, the ripple effect of increases was seen to spread

from London and the South-east, rising quickest in the West Midlands with an average increase of 21 per cent. While in Greater London, the increase was only 3 per cent, the East Midlands had a 19 per cent increase, the South-west 17 per cent, East Anglia 16 per cent, and Yorkshire and Humberside 14 per cent.

Nationwide Anglia explains that house price rises are due to ease because of the effect of the two mortgage rate increases. Mr Whitfield said that next year prices were expected to rise by 10 to 15 per cent, with a switch of interest among home-buyers away from Greater London.

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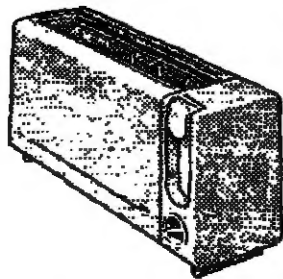
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Drunken thugs get youth custody after 'abominable' attack

Seven teenagers nearly killed a youth in an unprovoked orgy of violence after drinking strong beer, a court was told yesterday.

The attacks were led by Michael Hine, aged 18, of Rainham, east London, and Mark Tollhurst, aged 18, of Hornchurch, east London, who admitted drinking at least eight pints each of strong Lowenbrau lager with vodka chasers before setting upon two brothers outside the New Elm House public house in Hornchurch on January 8.

Mr Jason Tate, aged 19, was so brutally assaulted that only emergency surgery saved his life. Suaresbrook Crown Court, east London, was told. He suffered brain damage, now required regular medication to ward off epileptic attacks and had lost his job as a sales assistant because of his injuries. His brother Michael, aged 18, was also badly hurt.

Sentencing both Hine and Tollhurst to two years' youth custody yesterday, Judge Steele said: "Your conduct was abominable and cowardly. They were wicked and unpardonable attacks."

"You wanted to start a disturbance just for the sake of being violent. The injuries you inflicted on Jason were terrible."

"The streets must be cleared of this meaningless thuggery."

Mr Michael Lawson, counsel for the prosecution, said the gang stamped on Mr Jason Tate's head 12 times and repeatedly slammed it against his car door. He was left hanging half-in, half-out of his bloodstained car.

The teenagers chased Mr Michael Tate, slashed his face with a broken bottle and then stamped and kicked him as he

A ban on drinking alcohol in designated streets and other public places is to be extended to five more areas.

County was chosen to pioneer the two-year experiment intended to reduce the nuisance and distress caused by young drunks.

Mr Douglas Hard, Home Secretary, announced yesterday that the drive will be extended to Beth, Chester, St Austell and Newquay in Cornwall, Aldershot and Farnborough in Hampshire, and Scarborough.

lay on the ground.

The gang then adjourned for a meal of fish and chips and discussed alibis.

However, all seven finally admitted taking part in the attacks. Asked why they attacked the brothers, of Dagenham, east London, several told police: "We were drunk. One was on the ground so we just started kicking him."

Two other gang members, Thomas Lawler, aged 18, and Tony Ginos, aged 18, were both sentenced to 10 months' youth custody.

David Scott, aged 18, was ordered to pay £300 to Mr Michael Tate and do 120 hours of community service.

Neil Palmer, aged 18, was given 150 hours of community service and ordered to pay £400 compensation. Justin Hayes, aged 17, received the same sentence as Scott. All are from east London.

The police officer who investigated the attack blamed it on the abuse of strong drink yesterday.

Det Sergeant Sidney Ball, of Hornchurch police, said: "Exceptionally young boys are drinking all this strong booze

and they can't hold it like more mature people.

"It's perhaps okay if you fancy a strong drink in your own home, but when you are milling around the streets, that's when trouble starts."

"Drugs don't appear in this case but they are a big problem for the constables who have to deal with violent hooligans on the beat."

This appalling disease must be stopped at all costs before something even more serious happens. A young advertising executive who assaulted a colleague he had "disliked for years" at a staff redundancy party was fined £100 yesterday and ordered to pay his victim £250 compensation.

Justin Stracey, aged 21, of Great Brookham, Surrey, attacked Mr David Doctor from behind as he left the party in Chelsea, west London, and then punched him to the ground. Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court was told.

While Mr Doctor was on the ground, Stracey punched him repeatedly. Mr Doctor suffered bruising and bruising to his elbow, face and ear.

Mr Roger Daniels-Smith, counsel for the defence, said: "It was an emotional farewell and there was a lot to drink."

Both men were trying to walk through the same door when Stracey attacked.

"He was venting his frustration at losing his job and vented his anger at a man he had disliked for years," Mr Daniels-Smith said.

Stracey admitted causing actual bodily harm to Mr Doctor, aged 21, of Palmers Green, north London, at the offices of Davidson Pearce in Brompton Road, on September 2.

An eye on better relations



Professor Svyatoslav Fyodorov, director of the Moscow Eye Clinic, performing an operation for short-sightedness at the Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, yesterday.

Professor Fyodorov performed the five-minute operations during a visit to Birmingham as part of a month-long Soviet Union festival in the city arranged in the spirit of glasnost.

In Russia Professor Fyodorov operates on a conveyor-belt system. He says his seven clinics can operate on up to 1,000 patients a day with a failure rate of not more than one in 100,000.

He has criticized the British system of paying doctors working in hospitals, saying that because they are not paid per patient there was no incentive to work harder.

Professor Fyodorov's technique, called radial keratotomy, involves making fine cuts in the lens and then joining them together again, altering the focus.

The General Medical Council gave special

permission for Professor Fyodorov to operate. Twelve patients were selected for the operation but the professor decided only eight were suitable.

The treatment is not available in Britain but will be studied by doctors and students who filmed the professor at work.

The leader of the Soviet delegation to Birmingham, Mr Leonid Gorshkov, praised Mrs Thatcher for being an "action woman".

"We think she does quite a lot for the prosperity of your country and she enjoys high prestige", he said.

"Many people like her because she is a woman of action and she strikes contacts very easily with the other leaders of the world."

However, he said, Mrs Thatcher was mistaken for thinking the Soviet Union was seeking better relations with the West because President Gorbachev was frightened by military strength.

IN SATURDAY'S TIMES

Gone with the wind: the sequel

● A year later, most of the scars have begun to fade. But about 10 per cent of all the thousands of insurance claims remain to be settled, and David and Christine Woods's 13th-floor flat in Lambeth is still missing its external walls. On Saturday, *The Times* gives an interim audit on the cost of the Great Storm of October 1987.



Portfolio PLUS Accumulator

● There was one winner of yesterday's £4,000 daily prize. Mr Jonathan Maiden, aged 56, from Fulham, London, said he may put the money towards a conservatory he was planning to build on to his house. The Portfolio Accumulator stands at £250,000. Prices: page 29

● Representatives of the world's smartest stores are gathering for London Fashion Week. With colour photography by Snowden, fashion editor Liz Smith looks at what British designers are best at.

● What do the world's publishers talk about at their annual cattle-market? Catherine Bennett and Mel Calman report from the Frankfurt Book Fair.

Presspass welcomed by grateful students

Students at York University are enthusing about Presspass, which offers *The Times* at half-price to anyone in full-time education.

Mr David Fisher wrote in a letter to Mr Charles Wilson, the editor: "At a time when student grants are under threat from our Government, I must thank *The Times* for offering us an education at half price."

Mr Mike Childs, deputy president of the union, said: "In subjects where situations

are changing all the time like politics and economics it is essential to keep up to date with accurate information". A student could spend £70 a term on newspapers, so Presspass was a considerable bonus.

Miss Kate Brown, education officer, said many students clubbed together to buy a paper or did not get one at all because of their low income.

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Video plan for town centres

By Stewart Tessler, Crime Reporter

The use of video cameras to protect town centres from drunken violence and football hooligans is under discussion by chief constables, a senior policeman said yesterday.

Speaking after delivering a paper on fighting football violence at the autumn conference of the Association of Chief Police Officers, Mr David Phillips, assistant chief constable of Greater Manchester, said video cameras were now widely used commercially by banks and other concerns.

"I am not so sure now that the public are as frightened of the 1984 Orwellian image as they once were", he said. "Many young people are used to technology of all kinds." He suggested that many people might feel more secure guarded by video cameras.

Mr Roger Birch, Chief Constable of Sussex police and president of the association,

said there was a right balance between civil liberties and a deteriorating situation where the public might want police to use video systems.

Videos and closed-circuit television are already in use at football grounds. An experiment in Sussex described to the conference yesterday included the introduction of video equipment into clubs at the insistence of police and licensing magistrates.

Bournemouth has decided to police its seafront using close-circuit television to halt rowdiness.

Police accept if they lobby for wider use of video systems they could face strong political battles. In London attempts to use video equipment to monitor large public events has often met with local opposition.

Mr Phillips said plans were also being considered to set up a national intelligence cell to

combat football hooligans. Gangs no longer struck at weekends and around football matches but went further afield to find violence.

The unit, to be discussed with the Home Office, would co-ordinate information and give police forces forwarding if they were in the path of gangs.

A Home Office decision not to fund detoxification centres to take persistent alcoholics off the streets and out of police cells was strongly opposed at the conference.

The Home Office has decided the centres would not be cost effective and a pilot scheme in Leeds is closing down.

Police feel they are ill-equipped to deal with persistent alcoholics. Cell space has to be given to people who continually return to police custody, but who should receive specialized treatment.

Vicars are jailed in sex case

By David Sapsed

Two vicars were jailed at Winchester Crown Court yesterday for their part in a church-based homosexual ring involving a string of assaults on boys aged as young as seven.

Mr Justice Swinton-Thomas told the clergymen, who will now be automatically defrocked, that their behaviour had outraged the public and caused inestimable damage to the four young victims. "It is past comprehension how you came to commit these offences. You have devastated your whole careers and lives."

The Rev Dennis Allison, aged 59, vicar of St Peter and St Paul's church, Portsmouth, was imprisoned for 2½ years after admitting seven indecency offences with two boys, aged seven and 12, who had been placed in the care of himself and his wife.

The Rev James Bent, aged 57, the unmarried vicar of St James's Church, West Derby, Liverpool, admitted two sexual offences and was jailed for

six months.

Three other men involved in the sex ring were also jailed. Stuart Eager, aged 39, choir-master and solicitor, of East Lodge Park, Portsmouth, was sentenced to nine months after pleading guilty to two indecent assaults on boys aged 12. Gary Clough, aged 25, an oil boy and server and a former postal worker, of London Road, Portsmouth, admitted five offences and was imprisoned for 12 months; and Raymond Followe, aged 42, former churchwarden of Bowler Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth, recently paroled from a three-year sentence for sexual offences with men, was jailed for two years after admitting five offences.

Under the Location of Benefices Measure, Allison and Bent, who were both suspended when the offences came to light in February, will be automatically defrocked for receiving custodial sentences. Eager faces suspension by the

Law Society. A spokesman for the Liverpool diocese said later that Bent had resigned as vicar of St James's before the case came to court while the Ven Norman Crowder, Archdeacon of Portsmouth, said Allison was expected to resign.

The judge told all five that they had committed the grossest possible breaches of trust and that it was impossible for him to impose anything other than custodial sentences.

● A vicar and another man were each fined £300 yesterday after pleading guilty to gross indecency. The Rev Ronald Saunders, aged 51, of Bonnas Road, Wrexham, has resigned as vicar of Rhosnesni, Wrexham, but Rhuddlan magistrates were told that Saunders has had the support of his wife, the Bishop of St Asaph, clergy and former parishioners. The other man was Alfred Duncan, aged 34, of Priestfield Road, Ellesmere Port, Merseyside.

Prison officer jailed for abuse of girl, 8

A senior prison officer who conducted a bizarre love affair with a girl of eight later admitted that he behaved like an animal, Reading Crown Court was told yesterday.

Michael Williams-Hughes, aged 48, a former international athlete and Denbighshire policeman, engaged in sexual sessions with the girl over a period of more than two years. Three times married, Williams-Hughes resigned his post as a senior hospital officer at Grendon Underwood psychiatric prison in Buckinghamshire after his arrest in March.

Yesterday, he was jailed for two-and-a-half years after admitting nine specimen charges of indecent assault against the girl.

Mr Richard Latham, for the

prosecution, told the court that Williams-Hughes and his wife befriended the girl's family and the offences occurred when he was looking after her. Later he told detectives: "She gave me life."

The offences came to light when Williams-Hughes was visiting the girl's home and was observed by her elder sister. Mr Latham said: "For several days the mother was in a terrible quandary as to what to do. She then phoned the defendant at work and made the allegation and the police were called in."

Mr Paul Storey, for the defence, said the offences stemmed from stress and that when Williams-Hughes leaves prison: "He will no doubt emerge into the community as a leper."

Rape case girl 'seen on Tube'

A girl, aged 14, alleged to have been raped by a student, was seen with him on a Tube train shortly before she says she was attacked, the Central Criminal Court, heard yesterday.

Miss Kerry Horsley, aged 19, said the girl was made up and looked at least 18. She said she heard her say: "I don't want to go home."

Miss Horsley said she was travelling with a friend who knew Wel Mayavi Kabarti, a Jordanian, aged 21, who denies rape. The girl says Kabarti, of Lewisham, south London, raped her when she got lost after seeing *Babes in the Wood*.

Kabarti has said the girl, who he thought was 16, was a willing partner.

The trial continues today.

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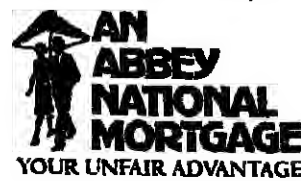
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LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

Leadership defied as delegates vote down motion on training

Delegates at Blackpool defied the leadership yesterday and voted down a resolution that gave qualified acceptance to the Government's Employment Training Programme and in favour of one totally opposing the scheme.

The former went to a card vote and was defeated by only 216,000 votes out of nearly six million.

During the debates, Mr Ron Todd, Transport and General Workers' Union, was cheered when he said that policy review statements being considered daily this week at the Labour conference did not and could not supersede democratic decisions of the conference.

He was also loudly applauded when, responding to critics of his contribution at the Tribune meeting on Tuesday evening, he said: "Yes, I have a Trifax. Yes, I have a car. Yes, I have a word processor. I have a computer." But he also had something else: a belief in his union's policies.

He had moved a composite motion calling for a charter to repeal all anti-union laws introduced since 1979.

He said that this was a motion of party policy. Until this week, he said, he had thought that was abundantly obvious, but there seemed to be some who found it hard to understand.

The TGWU would vote for the policy review statement as an interim statement, a summary of where the review had got after the first year.

They were proposing the motion because they wanted to help to guide the second stage of the review. "We do not want it just taken into account or treated as interesting advice. If the composite is passed, it will be part of the policy of the party and we will insist on that."

They would also insist that *Aims and Values* and every other important statement did not and could not supersede democratic decisions of the conference (applause).

The P&O strikers and the workers at GCHQ would continue to receive the full support of the TGWU.

In the last quarter of the

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twentieth century, any employer taking such action as in those cases would get their contempt. When the employer is the Government, it is an insult we will never forgive or forget."

They were looking for a major increase in individual rights. That meant reversing much of what the Tories had done over the past 10 years and giving back the right not to be unfairly sacked.

Underpinning individual



Mr Meacher: We would invest in real training

rights were collective rights. They were fundamental. Workers had to be able to join unions freely and without penalty.

The next time, the Labour government must take actions which could not be reversed.

Earlier, Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, opened the debate, on *People at Work*, a policy review statement.

The economic recovery that left three million unemployed — the true unfilled figure — did not deserve the title "economic recovery" in a civilized society.

They would create new jobs by meeting the huge need for housing, infrastructure, environment and maintenance; use reduced employers' national insurance contributions to target jobs on the long-term unemployed; and by direct controls on credit and by reversing tax cuts for top-rate taxpayers, would arrest the trade crisis

which next year would send unemployment soaring again.

"We would invest in real training in new skills on a big scale, not the cheapstate Government version simply designed to get people off the dole registers."

The Government's training scheme, ET, could not provide quality training when not a single extra penny had been put into the budget.

There was the smell of creeping compulsion about this when the Government-appointed chairman of ET said he had an open mind on workfare.

The whole programme was about pushing down wages.

"By contrast, the top priority in the next Labour Government must be a national minimum wage and full employment rights for all our workers, especially the low-paid, part-time workers who have borne the brunt of the Thatcherite onslaught."

Employers contemplating major redundancies would be required to bring forward retraining proposals for alternative jobs.

When an intransigent employer refused to recognize a union, there should be a statutory right to a ballot of the workforce, whose result would be mandatory on the employer.

There should be a ballot of the workforce on takeover so that people's livelihoods could not be sold off over their heads by machinations on the Stock Exchange.

Mr Stephen Battlemann, Nottingham East, moved a composite motion calling for a future Labour government to reimburse trade unions whose assets had been sequestered under Conservative legislation.

"These unions have been forced to defy the law in order to defend their members' interests."

Mr Mick Cashman, Wallasey, moved a composite motion calling on Labour councils to boycott the Employment Training scheme in every possible way. Councils should not act as agents for the scheme, let alone work be done on their property; rent property to Employment Training Agencies or permit colleges to be used as training centres for ET.

Mr Cashman said that under ET, workers on the Community Programme were being asked to double their hours for £20 a week less. "This scheme is training workers without jobs for jobs without wages. The Tories are using ET to force down wages and force people into low-paid jobs."

Mr Charles Kelly, Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians, moved the composite motion on ET that later went to a card vote. It called on the Labour movement to "monitor and contain" ET, while campaigning for improvements.

Miss Liz Short, Hackney North and Stoke Newington, said that she was not alone in being stifled by the stage management of debate. There had been suppression of debate on whether the EETPU should be allowed to remain.

She was one of the 5,500 News International employees dismissed by Rupert Murdoch nearly three years ago for defending the right to organize. That dispute had been about one thing — union busting — and yet the union had helped in selling their jobs and breaking the print unions was allowed to remain a member of the Labour Party on a technicality.

"There is no place in our ranks for a scab union"

Mr Eddie Haigh, Transport and General Workers' Union, for the NEC, said that for too many people work was boring and unfulfilling. Too many were low paid and insecure and too many had little control over their working lives.

Training today was a classic example of failure of the free market. Left to themselves, employers did not spend enough on training because they feared that their workforce would be poached by other companies.

The TGWU motion was carried and the Nottingham motion rejected.

Mr Dennis Skinner, acting chairman, declared the Wallasey motion carried on a show of hands, dismissing calls for a card vote as having come too late. Instead he called a card vote on the UCAT motion and that was rejected by 2,801,000 votes to 216,000.

The last two votes went against the advice of the NEC.



Mr Ron Todd: We accept Aims and Values as a first stage in the policy review

Benn calls for return to socialism

Demand for confidence

Mr Tony Benn, defeated earlier this week in the party leadership contest, received loud and long applause from delegates for a speech in which he urged the need for strong trade unionism and the party's need for socialism.

Ending a speech in which he presented the national executive committee report on safety in the North Sea oil industry, Mr Benn said: "There is a lot of talk about the future of socialism."

"The Prime Minister thinks she has killed it and Dr Gallup had signed the death certificate. Newspaper proprietors are dancing on the grave of socialism every day and sending people here to put new wreaths on our grave."

But as more and more working people experienced market forces in practice socialism reappeared in every generation.

More and more people, not only those on North Sea oil rigs, but poorly paid men and women in supermarkets, and those on YTS and JTS, came to realize that they needed strong trade unions. The Labour Party needed socialism. It had to understand that you could not control what you did not own.

The building of the party had nothing to do with pollsters or advertising agencies. All their gains had been built up slowly and painfully.

The present party was the successor to the Tolpuddle martyrs and other activists. So were the Pentonville Five, the

Shrewsbury pickets, the miners, the councilors in Clay Cross, Liverpool and Lambeth, and the Greenham Common women (applause).

What did they have in common? They had confidence in themselves. That was what characterized the force for social change. The task now was to spread that confidence to other workers — a prerequisite for beating Mrs Thatcher.

Mr Benn began by thanking the conference for re-electing him to the NEC. He said that he had first been elected to it in 1959 and next year he entered his fortieth year in Parliament. In that time, with 11 years in cabinet, he had learnt something about running a mixed economy better than the Tories.

If they wanted a classic example of the problems of safeguarding the interests of working people in the market economy, they could do no better than look at the problems of safety in the North Sea.

The Tories had dismantled or by-passed Labour safeguards there and elsewhere. "It is no wonder that P&O pays the Tory Party money in direct return for the anti-union laws they use to bash the unions."

Before Ron Todd could pay money to the Labour Party he had to get the support of his union. When Sir Jeffrey Sterling (chairman of P&O) paid money to the Tory Party nobody knew about it. "That is the power of the Tory Party and that is why

we must repeal the anti-union laws."

Mr Frank Dumas, MP for Aberdeenshire South, said that he saw the terrible consequences for the lives of those who survived the North Sea oil disasters and it was difficult to contain his anger.

The Department of Energy did not care about safety in the North Sea. Despite breaches of the law, no criminal charges were brought. The Tory Party of law and order did not care about lives and safety in the North Sea.

Mr Roger Lyons, general secretary of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union, and a member of the Burgess committee on safety, said that Mr Cecil Parkinson claimed that North Sea safety was safe in his hands. "His track record on safety precautions is not too good."

Mr Parkinson had lied about the department's relationship with safety and his claim that the men on the rigs did not want to join unions was a lie.

Delegates endorsed overwhelmingly the NEC statement which said that the Piper Alpha disaster, like the Herald of Free Enterprise and the King's Cross fire, had happened in industries exempt from control of the Health and Safety Commission.

It called for responsibility for safety in the offshore industry to be put in the hands of the commission and for comprehensive legislation to improve safety.

Ovation for a GCHQ worker

The conference gave a standing ovation to a GCHQ worker during an emergency debate on the Government's action against trade unionists at the secret establishment.

Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary, National Union of Public Employees, brought the conference to its feet to applaud the worker, Mr Michael Grindley, who was conducting the debate from the balcony.

Who, Mr Bickerstaffe asked, was the enemy within? Was it the Chinese language? Or were the real traitors those who lied to the country over the Belsen, over Westland, (cheers and applause)?

Gesturing at Mr Grindley he said: "I tell you I would put that one on a lie detector any day. But would you risk your life on Thatcher facing the test? No, mind, she will be found out. Politicians don't need lie detectors to show if they are cheating."

Miss Tess Gill, Battersea, had moved the emergency resolution condemning the totalitarian action of the Government in dismissing or compellingly transferring remaining trade unionists at GCHQ.

It pledged Labour to support the protest action and consider what more could be done to save the jobs of those affected.

Miss Gill said that, in GCHQ, the Government was persecuting loyal and moderate trade unionists. If it succeeded, other public and essential service workers would be at risk.

She called for support for a one-day strike being planned by civil service unions. "The Government is counting on this movement being impotent and on our acquiescing in this final act of persecution. I believe we can prove them wrong."

Mr Tam Dalyell, MP for Linlithgow, said that the decision to ban unions at GCHQ was not taken by the director there or even by Sir Robert Armstrong, then Secretary of the Cabinet, although he might have put up more of a fight for the rights of his colleagues.

The ban was about the personal protection of the position of the Prime Minister.

"I say from a public platform that Mrs Thatcher has lied about the GCHQ decision and the reason for it, just as she has lied about her role in the Westland affair, without which we would not be having a by-election at Richmond (the constituency being vacated by Mr Leon Brittan, who resigned as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry during the Westland affair in 1985)."

The motion was carried unanimously.

Business today

This morning's debates start with discussion of rule changes on the selection of parliamentary by-election candidates. Then, after the presentation of the policy review report, *Democracy for the Individual and the Community*, motions will be debated on democracy, equal rights, law and criminal justice and on Northern Ireland.

After lunch, the policy review, *Britain in the World*, is considered and an NEC statement on the Middle East. A motion on aid, development and debt is then debated, followed by defence.

Ilea chief criticizes teachers

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

A prominent Labour council leader suggested last night that teachers should be paid by results and accused them of adopting a condescending attitude towards parents.

Mr Neil Fletcher, leader of the Inner London Education Authority, coupled his remarks with sharp criticism of the party's review of education policy, saying that it lacked imagination and was failing to capture public interest.

His remarks made at a fringe meeting at the conference were immediately denounced as deplorable by Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers.

Adopting some of the rhetoric of the Conservative right by saying that throwing money at

problems did not solve them, Mr Fletcher said that Labour must begin to treat parents like consumers.

At the same time, parents had to learn to behave like consumers, treating their local school like the nearest branch of Marks & Spencer and accepting nothing but the best.

They also had to face up to their responsibilities to their children, teaching them before starting school how to count up to 100, recite the alphabet and read and write simple words.

Mr Fletcher said that the teaching profession should become more open to criticism and more accountable to its customers.

"Teachers should not assume they have a job for life. If a

teacher consistently fails working class children then he or she must go."

"If the teaching profession is to command the respect it deserves, then it must earn it by raising levels of achievement."

The comparatively low pay of teachers was a reflection of how the nation undervalued education.

But Mr Fletcher did not believe that raising teachers' pay across the board by, say, £2,000 a head, would do anything to raise standards.

He floated the idea of linking teachers' pay to their ability to raise the achievements of working class children.

His remarks drew an angry rebuke from Mr Jarvis,

who said in London: "I find it repulsive at a time when the London education service is facing appalling problems due to its impending break-up, that the leader of the Ileia should choose to attack London teachers."

"He would have done better to look at the incompetence of his own authority, which has so mismanaged its relations with the teaching force as to provoke one dispute after another."

Mr Fletcher was speaking after Labour had completed a generally lacklustre debate on future education policy, notable only for the call from Mr Jack Straw, the party's education spokesman, for greater professionalism and greater accountability on the part of teachers.

Whitty hissed in blacks debate

Delegates supported the leadership position on black sections within the party, although Mr Larry Whitty, the general secretary, was hissed when he replied to the debate.

Mr Stewart MacLennan, Glasgow Pollock, moved a motion, accepted by the NEC, recognizing that self-determination and direct representation for ethnic minorities were essential within a democratic socialist party.

He said that Labour had been founded as a coalition of groups organized individually. There had been resistance to extending that right to groups that did not already have it.

What was under discussion was the right of self-determination of black people in the party.

Today would settle the principle of organization. The form of organization could then be

discussed. "We are talking about a black socialist society — an organization for black members. Don't be distracted by any other argument."

The conference also had before it a motion on black sections which was opposed by the NEC. It said that black people were under-represented in key positions in the party. It sought positive action to give black members active positions at every level. It also sought support for black sections organizing autonomously in constituency parties and trade unions for effective participation.

Miss Sharon Atkins, a leading black activist forced by the NEC to stand down as the Nottingham East candidate in last year's general election, spoke in favour of this motion.

The Glasgow motion was carried on a show of hands, and the second motion defeated.

Party wants fewer contests

The Labour Party voted yesterday on a move to discourage leadership contests in future by increasing the support an MP must gather before he can even stand as leader or deputy leader.

The new rule proposed by the NEC would mean that a fifth of MPs must sign a candidate's nomination paper, rather than a twentieth as at present.

Two of the candidates last weekend, Mr Tony Benn, for the leadership, and Mr Eric Heffer, for deputy leadership, received fewer votes than that.

The result of the vote is expected this morning.

A motion to provide that constituencies should decide their votes in leadership elections on the basis of one member, one vote, was accepted on a show of hands by a majority narrow enough to cause Mr Dennis Skinner, MP, in the chair, to count it twice.

In the recent elections, some constituency parties used that

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Mr John Evans: Latest contest cost about £500,000

method, while the votes of others were decided by their management committees.

A motion which would have the effect of holding a leadership election once every Parliament,

even if the party was in power, was remitted to the NEC for consideration without debate, at the request of Mr John Prescott, MP, one of the defeated candidates in this year's contests.

He was speaking on behalf of the National Union of Seamen, which tabled the motion.

The constitutional amendments on the nomination of leadership candidates were moved by Mr John Evans, MP, for the NEC. He said that they would increase the number of MPs needed to nominate a candidate to 46, on the basis of the present number of Labour MPs. The number required under the old system was 12.

"I offer no criticism whatever of any candidate who stood in this year's elections. Those comrades exercised their democratic rights under the constitution to contest those positions."

However, the election took eight to nine months, was disruptive and certainly distracted them from the real fight,

against their political enemies.

Mr Mike Eslea, Leeds North East, moved a motion that constituency votes in leadership elections should be decided on the basis of one member, one vote.

Mr Harry Barnes, MP for North East Derbyshire, said that the change was giving special privilege to MPs and ignored the other two sections of the movement, trade unions and constituency parties, on which MPs depended.

Democracy was expensive, but it had been expensive for the Charists and the suffragettes — in lives. They should put themselves to a little trouble to see that democracy was kept alive.

Mr Evans said that the original agreement was that the trigger mechanism should be left to the Parliamentary Labour Party and they were not in any way suggesting that that should be altered, but that it should be triggered by a more meaningful figure.

Bigger share for constituencies

On the issue of conference democracy, delegates defied the platform and carried on a show of hands a resolution recommending a greater proportion of the overall vote for constituency parties at annual conferences.

Delegates had been advised by Miss Je Richardson, speaking for the national executive committee, to remit the resolution to give the NEC further time to consider its details.

The resolution calls on the NEC to come forward next year with options on what proportion of the vote should be commanded by the constituencies, while leaving the trade unions with 60 per cent of the vote in most cases.

Moving it, Miss Olive Golding, Walsall South, said that rule changes adopted earlier this week were meant to recruit thousands more members.

They would be able to trump

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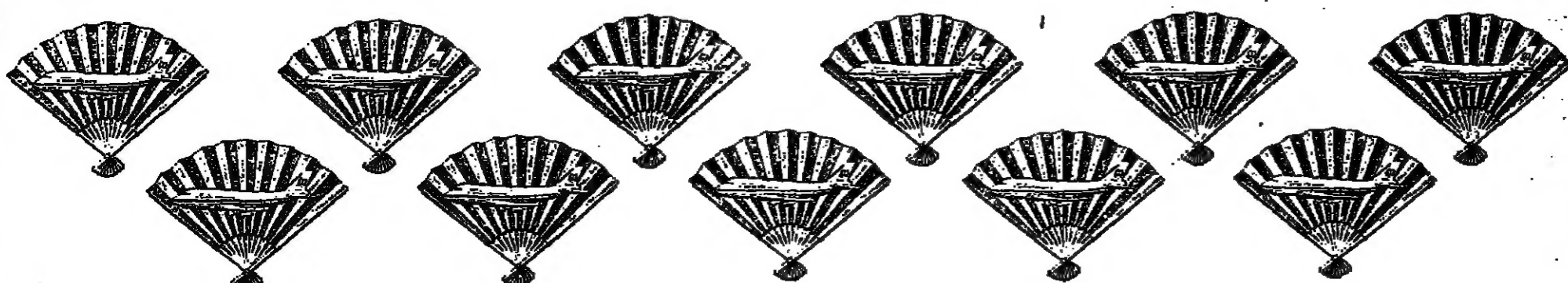
the streets and get their fingers trapped in letter boxes. But when it came to making policy they would be told: "Sorry folks, you can't have anything to do with policy."

Making changes in the way the conference voted would be the most effective way of attracting new members because it would show that they were making a serious attempt to bring the party into the 1990s.

Mr Graham Allen, MP for Nottingham North, called for a more active role for the parliamentary party in the formation of policy. It should have a wide role, rather than that of a supporters' club.

A similar resolution to improve the voting strength of constituencies at the conference was remitted.

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Toxteth inquiry set up to prevent explosion of unrest

By Ian Smith

Lord Gifford, QC, the campaigning barrister, is to head an inquiry into an undercurrent of violence which is threatening the most deprived area of Liverpool, it was announced yesterday.

He was called in by the city council which has expressed anxiety over the worsening situation in the Toxteth district where crime, especially drug trafficking, and racial tension are rife.

The problem is so acute that Toxteth, a sprawling area of high-rise homes, dilapidated flats and poorly maintained council houses, has become a public no-go area. Police venture into the district only with reluctance and with reinforcements close at hand.

Seven years ago Toxteth was the setting of Britain's worst street violence. For five weeks from July 4, 1981, gangs fought police, set buildings alight and caused £10 million of damage.

The groups, mostly teenagers, were eventually beaten back by riot police. A disabled person died and there were 781 police casualties.

Lord Gifford said he agreed to chair the inquiry to prevent

Toxteth from becoming the centre of a new wave of inner-city violence.

He said although he had led investigations into the battle of Broadwater Farm, the Northern Ireland supergrass controversy and South Wales police methods during the miners' strike, this would be the most challenging and sensitive inquiry he had undertaken.

"Once I was approached by the city council and agreed to take on this inquiry, I walked around Liverpool 8 and was deeply disturbed by what I encountered," Lord Gifford said. "People have a long-standing and deep-seated sense of grievance which expresses itself in cynicism, alienation, deep mistrust of the police and distancing from the political processes."

Assisting Lord Gifford will be Miss Ruth Bunday, a Leeds solicitor, Mr Gus John, who sat on the McDonald Committee into allegations of racism at Burnage High School, Manchester, and a black community worker in Liverpool who is yet to be named.

They are to examine policing and law-enforcement in

Liverpool 8, with particular reference to the causes of tension between police and local people and the existence of discrimination.

The inquiry will hold discussions with individuals and organizations, followed by a concentrated investigation into law enforcement. It will then make recommendations which should be immediately implemented. Although funded by the council, Lord Gifford said the report must be available to the public.

Lord Gifford is to request a meeting with Mr Ken Oxford, the Liverpool chief constable, for a detailed briefing on police tactics in Liverpool 8.

The inquiry will also examine jobs, environment, housing and amenities. Councilors, social service departments, community leaders and businessmen will also be interviewed.

Lord Gifford believes the inquiry could prevent a new outbreak of inner-city violence. The inquiry was being entered not in the aftermath of disaster, as at Broadwater Farm, but in the hope that such confrontations could be avoided, he said.

Leaping for the children



A pupil from Chestnut Grove School, south London, leap-frogging over PC Peter Davies, of Bishopsgate police station, London, to start a charity leap-frog by 12 teams yesterday in aid of The London Hospital Children's Appeal. Care Trust, the organizers, hope the event will raise at least £5,000 of a target of £2 million for the hospital (Photograph: James Morgan).

M&S for talks on coded price 'discrepancies'

By Andrew Morgan

Trading standards officers in Strathclyde, Scotland, will meet executives from Marks & Spencer next week to discuss alleged overcharging on items at a number of branches operating an electronic check-out system.

The chain could face prosecution in connection with the alleged overcharging, which is said to have ranged over several items at four branches, including a popular style of man's shirt for which £16 was said to have been charged while the shelf price was £15.

The alleged overcharging, which could run into hundreds of pounds, came to light last week after officers in Strathclyde made checks on target stores.

A similar fault could in theory be found in other stores throughout the country because the company has a centralized computing system.

Marks & Spencer said last night that this should happen only if proper checks were not done at the local level.

Strathclyde region's consumer and trading standards department refused to name the company until the talks next week, but consumer sources confirmed that the

store is Marks & Spencer.

The till system used is similar to the bar-coding which has caused widespread overcharging at do-it-yourself stores in many areas. With the Marks & Spencer system, a check-out operative punches in a code on the item and this is printed out on a video display unit and also on the receipt.

Mr Bruce Collier, assistant director of consumer affairs in Strathclyde, said that problems appeared to have occurred as a result of a lack of co-ordination between the centralized computer network and local management.

Mr Frank Kieran, a company solicitor with Marks & Spencer, said the company had sought discussions with Strathclyde Regional Council over "what Strathclyde believes to be price discrepancies". Mr Eric Forth, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, plans to write to local authorities' trading standards departments after the "public disquiet" about pricing systems are involved.

Mr Forth will urge store managers to review their pricing systems.

College funding scheme disclosed

By Sam Kiley, Universities Reporter

The chief executive of the body soon to take responsibility for financing polytechnics has announced detailed plans of how resources will be allocated.

Mr Bill Stubbs, head of the Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council, said the allocation of government finance would be on three main criteria—a quality of education, the level of demand for courses and what the polytechnics and colleges wanted to charge. He said this would ensure more value for money from colleges.

Since the methods to be adopted by the funding council, which comes into being next month, have government approval, the announcement will be of interest to universities. They have been discussing funding for several months without reaching any conclusions.

Mr Stubbs, speaking at a conference on the future of the council, at the headquarters of the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education in London, said: "The institution will

enter a contract with the PCFC which will outline what we expect in terms of output and what the institution will get in terms of finance for a year, and indications of funding levels for further years".

He told the audience of polytechnic directors and teachers that colleges would have to be more responsive to student demand for courses. "You will be responsible for your destiny".

He said they would have to look closely at what their colleges had to offer students and meet their needs by acquiring staff committed to the institutions. He added that teaching would therefore have to be recognized, encouraged and rewarded.

Earlier, Mr Robert Jackson, minister responsible for higher education, said the Education Reform Act and the setting up of the funding council would lead to more effective management, clearer accountability and responsiveness to needs of customers and students when the colleges became independent from local authorities.

PC was 'shocked over attack by sergeant'

A police constable told a court yesterday he was "shocked and stunned" when he saw a police sergeant attacking a serviceman from the United States.

Eric Barron, an airman in the USAF, was hit over the head with a truncheon leaving a wound which needed seven stitches.

He had been dragged from his car by Sergeant Stephen Hollowell and subjected to the attack, it was alleged at Isleworth Crown Court, south-west London.

After the attack Mr Barron was charged with assault, assault with intent to resist arrest and driving with excess alcohol. The charges were later dropped.

PC Ian Schluter said: "I thought it was out of order. I was shocked and I thought it ought to be reported."

The court was told he arrived on the scene as a Ford Sierra containing two US airmen from RAF Greenham Common was stopped on the

A4. "Sergeant Hollowell came running up and leant through the driver's window, there was a lot of shouting. He grabbed the driver, the door opened and the whole lot came out".

PC Schluter said: "The sergeant placed the driver against the car and hit him about half a dozen times, maybe more. Some of them were slaps and some with a clenched fist."

"Neither of the US servicemen offered any resistance at all at any time," he went on. "I could not see any reason for him being struck. I was shocked really and annoyed and slightly stunned."

The sergeant then handcuffed the driver and hit him across the head again — a number of blows hard enough to hurt", PC Schluter said. The PCs reported the incident.

Sergeant Stephen Hollowell, stationed at Chiswick, south-west London, denies causing actual bodily harm on July 27 last year.

The trial continues.

Tea and empathy at the Cooking Pot Café

By Ronald Faux

The Cooking Pot Café in Ardwick Green, Manchester, yesterday became the premier place in Britain for egg, sausage and infinite politeness. The small family concern that relishes the simple qualities of human warmth and kindly consideration is where jaded lorry drivers and weary travelling salesmen all regularly divert.

The warmth of welcome at the Cooking Pot Café has won the Courtyard Enterprise of the Year award of the Polite Society, an organization founded on good manners and sympathetic attention to others whose members have checks to turn and not a rag to lose between them.

Lou and Antoinette Rezzano, proprietors of the Cooking Pot Café, received their award from the Rev Ian Gregory, a Congregational minister and founder of the Polite Society. Mr Rezzano said: "It happened because a customer

whose name no one recognizes wrote this wonderful letter. It was from someone who despaired of finding courtesy in our society but who said he found it in our café."

A Polite Society inspector, travelling incognito, visited the café and found that it was everything the world-weary writer had claimed. The tea lived up to its legendary reputation, the bacon battles sizzled. But it was the warm welcome and service that won the loyalty of customers, the inspector reported.

Wringing out a dishcloth, Mr Rezzano wondered what the fuss was all about. Politeness was good for business, he said, and it cost nothing.

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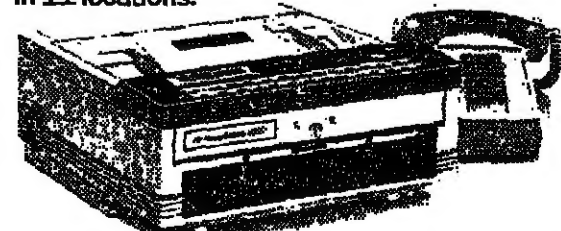
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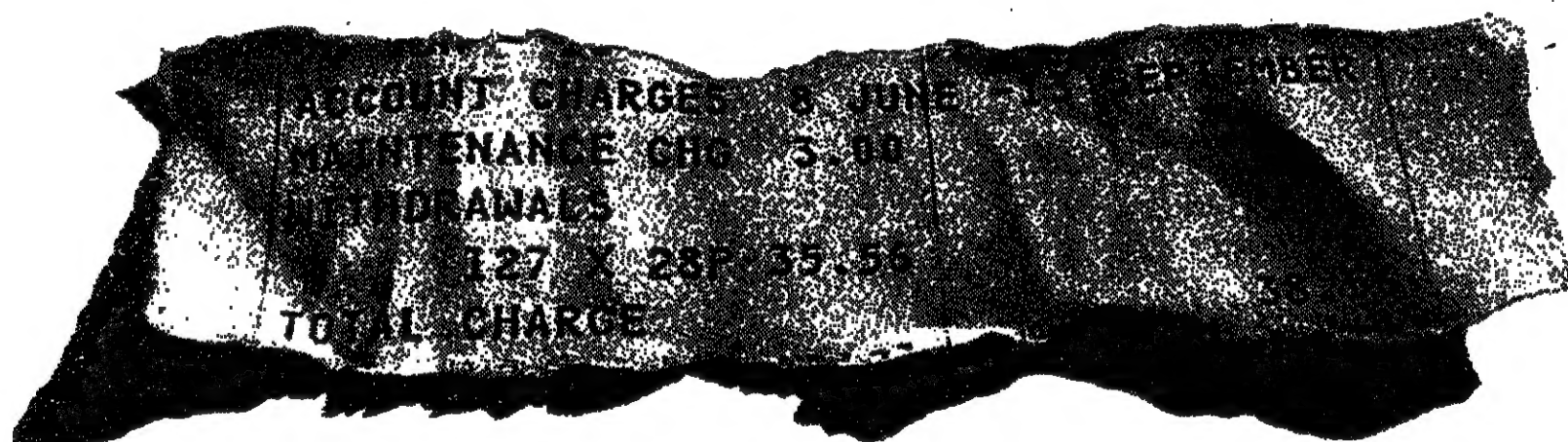


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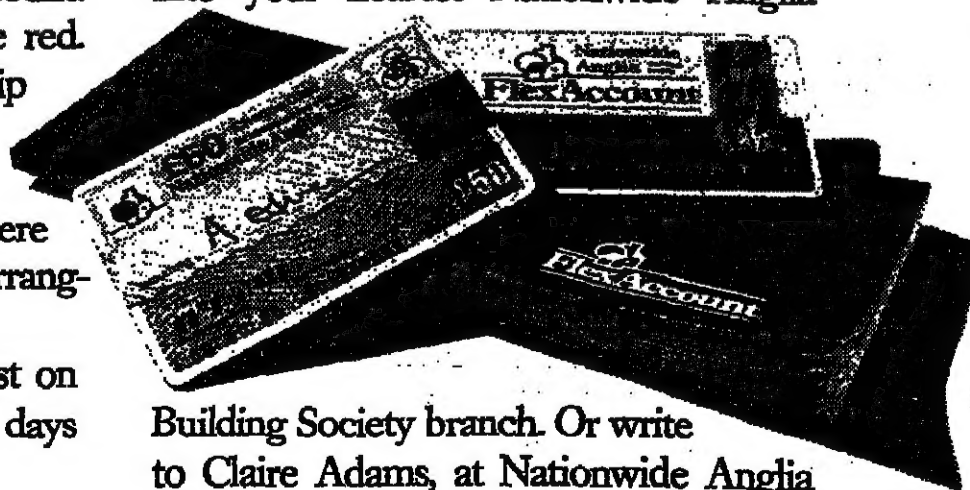
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King's Cross survivors tell inquest of their ordeal

Coroner praises businessman for rescuing two injured fire victims

By Paul Valley and Rodney Cowtan

A new hero at last November's King's Cross Underground fire emerged yesterday as the inquest into the deaths of 31 people was told how a company director dragged two people to safety.

Dr Douglas Chambers, the coroner, said of Mr Anthony David Palmer's conduct: "He maintained his presence of mind and behaved very bravely in the circumstances."

In a statement read to the inquest, Mr Palmer, of Sheffield, said he left St Pancras station on the night of the fire and saw a crowd at a King's Cross exit.

Smoke was coming out of the Underground exit and several people emerged who were coughing and spluttering. Then there was almost a roar as a thick black jet of smoke billowed from the exit.

"I noticed a further person trying to get out of the stairwell. At this point I could not tell whether it was male or female", Mr Palmer said. "I got hold of his right hand and could feel it was red hot. Some of his skin came off on my hand."

"I then got hold of his right

The station manager at King's Cross on the night of the Underground fire admitted yesterday that he had not been trained in the use of fire-fighting equipment and that a number of closed-circuit safety monitors and a loudspeaker system were not working properly.

Mr Joseph Worrell said that in seven years as a King's Cross station manager, he had had no training in the use of the station's water fog or fire

hydrant systems. Staff had had no training in fire drill or station evacuation.

When temporary relief staff were brought in, they were given no familiarisation training. It was their responsibility to familiarise themselves, he said.

He said his office, formerly in the main booking hall area, which took the brunt of the fire's force, had been moved to "a remote part of the station" because of building work.

The refurbishment programme had also created a temporary control room. It was fitted with television monitoring equipment designed to view the platforms, and a public address system. However, a number of monitors did not work and the loudspeaker system was faulty.

As a result, the station manager was not informed of the fire until more than 10 minutes after it had started, the inquest was told.

Earlier, the inquest heard the testimony of Miss Rosalind Leach, who gave evidence still wearing gloves to cover burns on her hands.

A friend of hers died in the fire. Miss Leach was probably one of the Underground passengers rescued by Mr Palmer, the inquest was told.

Mr Kwasi Aducci-Minta, a business studies student, told the inquest that he was travelling up the Victoria Line escalator, parallel to the one on which the fire began, when the disaster occurred.

"As I reached the top I saw a tremendous flash of flame", he said. "I saw the flames hit the man who was directing us out, who turned and ran

towards the exit with his hands over his face.

"The flames by this time had spread completely across the booking hall and seemed to be just over my head. At the same time, all the lights went out. People were screaming and shouting in fear."

"I dived head-first under the flames and rolled towards the exit barrier. I crashed into what I think was the collector's box. The whole area was in flames."

"I realized I could not use that exit, so I turned and ran down the stairs to the Circle Line platforms."

There he met two women. "One of them shouted: 'My God, you're on fire', and she

started to tear my clothes off."

Mr Richard Bates, a *Guardian* journalist who was also severely burned in the booking hall, described in a written statement how he dived back down an escalator and was squirted with a fire extinguisher at the bottom.

But when his rescuer tried to move Mr Bates along a corridor connecting the Underground with a British Rail platform, he found it blocked in two places by locked doors.

It took 10 minutes to get the first one open and even longer to obtain keys to open the second, he said.

Mr Desmond McLean, a music teacher from Islington, north London, said he first heard people shouting as he moved up an escalator towards the blaze.

"I could see flames through the smoke", he said. "The ceiling was melting and debris was falling on to the people in front of us."

"The escalator was still moving, feeding the passengers in front of me into the smoke and flames. I could see them burning. I could hear them screaming."

The inquest continues today.

Down to work with Miller



A pensive Jonathan Miller, deeply involved in a hole in the stage and his production of *The Tempest* which opens at the Old Vic on October 11, starring Max von Sydow as Prospero, Rodi Davies as Miranda and with Alexei Sayle as Trinculo (Photograph: James Gray).

Health authority upheaval

Minister removes Sir Jack Smart

By Peter Davenport

A health authority chairman accused of bullying and intimidation has been dismissed by the Government.

Sir Jack Smart, aged 68, had been appointed chairman of the Wakefield Health Authority, West Yorkshire, until April 1990. It is the first time a health authority chairman has been dismissed and is the climax of several turbulent years within the authority during which relations between Sir Jack and the general manager broke down.

One official said yesterday: "Sir Jack had an autocratic style and under his leadership even the most ordinary, everyday problem became a crisis."

The authority held more special meetings than any other in the country. The position of Sir Jack, once regarded as the most powerful local Labour politician in the country, had been under consideration by the Secretary of State for Health since an inquiry called for his removal from office.

A subsequent report contained widespread criticism of his leadership. It said his attitude had been unhelpful and aggressive and accused him of bullying and intimidation. Many difficulties which beset the authority had been "largely the cause of the chairman", the report said.

The issue was brought to a head in April when a letter from the local community health council to the Yorkshire Regional Health Authority expressed concern

about the possibility of a total breakdown in management.

The report contained a recommendation that Sir Jack should relinquish the office he had held for 11 years. Sir Jack denounced the inquiry's findings as biased and refused to resign.

The Department of Health said the Secretary of State had concluded that Sir Jack's continued tenure was not in the best interests of the health service.

The decision had been taken "with great regret and sadness."

Sir Jack was informed of the decision in a letter on Tuesday.

Yesterday he said he had twice met the Secretary of State to discuss the report and his observations on the findings. He said it contained fabrications and false allegations against him.

He told a local newspaper: "I did not fall out with the Secretary of State because I appreciated his position but I told him he would have to sack me if he wanted me to leave."

"I told him that I was appointed until 1990 and that I had done nothing wrong, had carried out my duties diligently and had carried out the decisions of the health authority."

"When it has been suggested to you that you should resign when you know you have been honest, it would be an admission of guilt to do so and I am not a guilty man."

Strauss death is a problem to Airbus

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A political battle is being waged between Britain, France and West Germany to find a successor to Herr Franz Josef Strauss as head of the Airbus consortium.

Herr Strauss — who had held the post as chairman of the 17-man supervisory board of Airbus Industrie for the past 18 years — died suddenly this week aged 73, triggering a behind-the-scenes power struggle which could have a profound effect on the way the consortium is organized and run.

The German partners are already lobbying hard for Dr Arndt Vogels, chairman of the giant MBB group, their own candidate, to be appointed quickly, but are meeting stiff resistance from the French, who want to see the job go to M Henri Martre, chairman of Aerospatiale.

He is taking over as chairman temporarily until a permanent successor can be found.

Britain, which has a 20 per

cent stake in the aircraft manufacturing giant through British Aerospace, has long argued that the whole organization should be shaken up and that a younger, more dynamic man should be appointed who would be less of a figurehead.

The British favourite for the post would be Sir Raymond Lygo, aged 64, chief executive of British Aerospace, whose contract comes to an end within the next two years.

He could, however, leave the company at any time if elected and would be certain to push through the changes which have been talked about for many years but have not been implemented.

Also tipped as a possible new chairman is Lord Carrington, Secretary General of Nato before becoming chairman of Christie's.

Although an outsider, his international stature would ensure that he, and therefore Airbus, would be listened to in the right places.

Air fare cut allowed

Businessmen flying from London City airport to Paris will be able to save more than £40 on the cost of a return ticket from next month after an agreement with the French.

London City Airways, a subsidiary of British Midland, is to be allowed to charge £129 for a round trip, provided the return is made within three days, compared with the

present fare of £170. The agreement was negotiated by a team from the Department of Transport, who argued London City's case under the European Council of Ministers' directive on air fares. Last month Air Europe was given permission to cut business-class fares between Gatwick and Paris from £105 to £92 single.

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Debate vital in view of Chernobyl, says Greenpeace official

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Lack of estimates comparing the cost of coal and nuclear-generated electricity dominated the Hinkley Point C public inquiry yesterday.

Mr Alan Thornton, a director of Greenpeace, accused the Central Electricity Generating Board of hiding behind government policy for privatization to justify its economic claims for building a £1.5 billion pressurized water reactor on the Somerset coast.

A written submission from Greenpeace said the Chernobyl accident and the proposals for privatizing electricity supplies probably made this the most important public inquiry of our time.

Mr Derek Davis, a board member of the CEGB, said even if privatization proposals were not introduced, the CEGB would still wish to proceed with Hinkley Point C.

He said forecasts of demand for electricity to be submitted to the inquiry at Cannington, Somerset, would show a shortfall in the capacity of gener-

For the first time yesterday, the UK Atomic Energy Authority publicly expressed interest in Dounreay in Caithness as a nuclear waste dump.

Mr Gerry Jordan, the plant director, told Dounreay local liaison committee that seismic tests would be carried out at the site in anticipation of Dounreay being on the list of suitable dumps to be issued by the nuclear waste agency, Nirex, early next year.

The board intended to apply later in 1988 for permission for a PWR station at Wyfa, in Anglesey, and it was expected in 1989 to apply for consent for a third PWR station at a site yet to be decided. Those stations would be commissioned in 1999 and 2000.

Mr Gerard Ryan, representing the Somerset-led consortium of local authorities, criticized the construction methods of the nuclear industry. He suggested a feature of the CEGB was an unjustified optimism about nuclear achievements.

Mr Davis accepted that optimism about the performance of advanced gas cooled reactors had not been matched in terms of construction time and cost.

● The CEGB has offered to provide £10 million for building two bypasses in Somerset if it receives approval to build its Hinkley Point station.

The board told Somerset County Council at the Hinkley Point C inquiry that the money was conditional upon the council withdrawing its objections to the station. The offer was refused.

The proposed new roads, which would help carry construction traffic, are a 3½ mile bypass around Bridgwater and a 1½ mile bypass around Cannington. The hearing continues.

Welcome for Soviet 'invaders'



Air Vice-Marshal Mike Starr, Assistant Chief of Defence Staff, Nato/UK (right) greeting the delegation of four Soviet military experts yesterday after they flew into Britain to inspect Army exercises in southern and south-western England (Michael Evans and Ruth Gledhill write).

Colonel Anatoli Makhor, one of the delegation, caused controversy in April 1989 among members of the House of Commons defence committee when he was discovered sitting at the back during a public hearing, taking voluminous notes. The committee had been questioning Mr Francis Pym (now Lord Pym), then Secretary of State for Defence,

about Britain's defences. Yesterday, eight years later, he was showing the same keen interest in Britain's defences, as he was taken around the countryside in a Lynx helicopter to observe Exercise Drake's Drum. Colonel Makhor, together with Colonels Vladimir Greshnikov, Yuri Lessor and Vladimir Trofimov, arrived at Heathrow Airport at dawn. The Foreign Office had been given 36 hours' notice of Soviet plans to inspect the exercise under the provisions of the Stockholm agreement, signed by 25 countries in September 1986. Yesterday it said there were no provisions in the agreement which allowed countries to vet

visiting inspectors before allowing them in. This is in contrast to the verification measures of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty which allows Britain to reject names on the inspectors' list, if they are well-known intelligence officers from the KGB or the military wing, the GRU.

An Army spokesman said yesterday that the spot check by the Soviets had not been a total surprise. "We had a feeling that sooner or later they would come to us," the spokesman said. The Warsaw Pact countries have now made a total of seven no-notice inspections in Nato countries. This was the first in Britain.

RAF saves French disaster exercise

By David Sapsted

An evacuation exercise on board a cross-Channel ferry would have ended in failure had it not been for the readiness of the British emergency services, it emerged yesterday.

The French authorities who organized the "emergency" said in Calais that Tuesday's evacuation of the SNCF ferry, Champs Elysées, had spotlighted serious deficiencies in the ability of the French to handle a ferry disaster.

The exercise, involving taking off 140 French naval ratings, had to be changed when it was found that rescue helicopters — more than 65 miles away in Amiens and Lille — could not take off because of fog.

Instead, RAF and coast-guard helicopters had to be scrambled from Kent, one crossing the Channel to pick up French firefighters and the other taking Kent firemen to the ferry. The British helicopters were then involved in rescuing the "survivors".

The French authorities are now urgently considering stationing a rescue helicopter at Calais.

● The car ferry, MV Gotland, had to be pumped out by firemen at Newhaven yesterday when 200 tons of water flooded the engine room.

Dumping at sea faces fresh curb

By Sheila Gunn and John Young

The amount of waste dumped in the North Sea is to be reduced as part of the Government's new commitment to green policies, Mr Donald Thompson, a junior agriculture minister, said yesterday.

The Ministry of Agriculture is to check all licences for dumping sewage sludge, silt from dredgings and industrial waste to see if they can be disposed of on land.

It has also told British Coal to report, by next month, on ways of cutting colliery spoil dumped on northern beaches.

More than 26 million tonnes of waste are still dumped annually in the seas around Britain under licences issued by the Ministry of Agriculture. It is made up of 17,776,000 tonnes of dredgings, 5,540,000 tonnes of sewage sludge, 2,570,000 of solid industrial waste and 242,000 tonnes of liquid industrial waste.

Mr Thompson told the North Sea Fisheries conference at Tynemouth: "The way ahead lies in increasingly strict ministry controls on sea disposal".

● Some 95 per cent of people in Europe consider refuse and

the damage it does to the environment to be a serious problem, a survey published yesterday shows.

Four out of five people questioned thought the most important thing about packaging was that it should be easily disposable without causing harm to the environment. More than half favoured the use of materials that could be recycled.

Meanwhile, Ecoways, of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, a company which recycles paper, said increasing the amount of recycling could benefit Britain's balance of payments by £400 million a year and create up to 10,000 jobs.

The survey on refuse, commissioned by the Swiss-based European Carton Promotion Association, was carried out by Audience Selection in nine countries. The directors of 400 companies and 4,585 members of the public were interviewed.

Industry representatives rated the most important properties of packaging as protection (74 per cent) and ease of handling and transportation (63 per cent).

European test of prisoners' rights

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A test case brought by prisoners challenging the Home Secretary's power to hold certain life sentence prisoners indefinitely because they are a "danger to society" has come to its first hurdle before the European Commission of Human Rights.

The case, backed by Justice, the law reform group, and the National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL), has been brought by four prisoners who have or are serving "discretionary" life sentences.

Under such sentences, prisoners serve a period of time which the judge considers appropriate punishment for their crime, and can then be detained indefinitely at the Home Secretary's discretion.

Such sentences, or "preventive" detention, may be imposed when the defendant is convicted of serious crime, such as robbery, rape or arson. But some may be held for lesser crimes: one set his bed on fire; another robbed a shop of 35p.

The cases are being brought over the lack of procedure to

decide if the second spell of imprisonment is justified. Mr Paul Hunt, legal officer of the NCCL, said: "The procedure amounts to sentencing in secret by the executive."

Mr Hunt said that even after a prisoner is released, he can be recalled at any time and re-imprisoned indefinitely without a hearing.

The cases have now been declared admissible by the Commission which will examine and report on them.

● The High Court granted leave yesterday to the East Finchley Community Festival committee to challenge a ban on political groups. The committee, backed by the National Council for Civil Liberties, has been told by the London borough of Barnet that no political groups must attend its festival. Mr Justice Simon Brown held that Barnet's decision could be challenged because of the uncertain meaning of "political groups". The council will also be challenged on the ground that it breaches the European Convention on Human Rights.

Book researcher wins damages from paper

The Observer agreed in the High Court yesterday to pay substantial undisclosed damages to Mr Ronald Titcombe, the writer, over articles alleging that a book he researched was a "hoax".

Mr Anthony Grey, the author, wrote and published The Prime Minister was a Spy in 1983, with Mr Titcombe's assistance.

"The theme of the book was that throughout his political career, the late Mr Harold Holt clandestinely sent intelligence about Australia's domestic and foreign policy to the Chinese", Mr John Preville, counsel for Mr

Titcombe, told the court. The Observer and Mr Donald Trefford, its editor, accepted that however profoundly they might disagree with Mr Titcombe's allegations about Mr Holt, it was inappropriate to call the book a "hoax".

Mr Robert Diepstraten, counsel for Mr Trefford and the newspaper, said they withdrew the allegation complained of and apologized.

"The defendants accept that Mr Titcombe did not fabricate the whole story although they have always disputed that his research justified the book's finding that the late Mr Holt was a traitor", he added.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Younger backs Nato cost-sharing

Bonn — Despite Moscow's *glasnost* policy, Nato must maintain and modernize its defence structures. But the issue of sharing the cost must not become a self-inflicted wound for the West, Mr George Younger, the Defence Secretary, said in Hamburg yesterday (John England writes).

He said American pressures for equitable burden-sharing were not "some narrow exercise in accountancy" in Washington. They stemmed from real anxieties about the burden on the US economy. "This is a role from which we have all benefited," he added. "We must show clearly in our response that we regard the transatlantic link as vital."

Riots erupt in Algiers

Algiers (AFP) — Gangs of youths as young as 12 took to the streets here yesterday, smashing shop windows and vehicles and clashing with police, witnesses said.

Buildings of the Algerian Ministry of Trade and Ministry of Youth and Sports, as well as foreign businesses, were attacked. The targets included the national airline offices of West Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia. The riots came after strikes over wage demands and the cost of living. Police, including anti-riot units, appeared to maintain a low profile early in the riots, but stepped in later.

UN Gulf talks end

New York — High-level contacts between Iran and Iraq at United Nations headquarters, aimed at breathing life into the stalled Gulf War peace talks, ended yesterday without a compromise on the key issue of the clearance of the Shatt-al-Arab waterway (James Bone writes).

Before leaving New York, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, Mr Tariq Aziz, accused Iran of delaying clearance of the channel that forms the Iran-Iraq border and is Iraq's only outlet to the sea. An Iranian delegation was due to meet the Secretary-General yesterday to end five days of contacts in New York.

11 killed in Kabul

Moscow (AFP) — Eleven people were killed and 26 injured in a rocket attack on Kabul yesterday's morning rush-hour. Tass reported. A total of 23 rockets, fired from north-west of the Afghan capital, rained down on four districts.

Meanwhile, diplomatic sources in the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, estimated that rocket attacks had killed or injured nearly 300 people in Kabul last month.

UK evangelists held

Ankara — Two Britons, Mr Julian Lidstone and Mr John Cornelius, were in a group of Christian evangelists detained by the Turkish police, Mr Inal Batu, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, confirmed yesterday (Rasit Gurdilek writes).

Mr Batu said the Britons, already tried and acquitted this year on charges of making illegal Christian propaganda, were detained on Saturday after complaints by neighbours. Sources said they would be brought to court today, and freed at the weekend, as their behaviour did not appear to contravene the Constitution or the penal code.

Missile secrets case

Athens — Details of how the Soviet Union obtained the secret specifications of the US Stinger anti-aircraft missile emerged here yesterday when a Greek electronics expert went on trial for espionage (Mario Modiano writes).

Mr Mihalis Megalokonomos, aged 39, an executive of the Athens branch of Standard Electric, an American company, was said by Brigadier-General Yiannis Alexakis of Greek intelligence to have been recruited by Moscow in 1975. In 1984, the general alleged, Mr Megalokonomos had given the Russians 3,000 computer cards with details of the Stinger.

CIA pays damages

Ottawa — Eight Canadians who sued the US Central Intelligence Agency over brainwashing experiments conducted in Montreal around 30 years ago, have accepted an offer of \$750,000 (about £450,000) each in settlement (John Best writes). They had asked for \$1 million.

The Canadians claimed that they were unwitting guinea pigs in experiments financed by the CIA and carried out at Montreal's Allan Memorial Institute from 1957 to 1960.

Blasts and power cuts herald Chile poll

From Lake Sagaris
Santiago

Despite two power cuts, following explosions caused by saboteurs on Tuesday night, thousands of Chileans turned out early yesterday for the plebiscite to decide whether President Pinochet should continue in power for another eight years.

A record 92 per cent of people aged over 18 had registered for the vote, which had become a focus of organized opposition to the 15-year military regime. Some 49 per cent were voting for the first time.

A member of the junta, Admiral José Toribio Merino, told reporters as he prepared to vote that the choice was between God or Satan.

By early morning in Santiago, queues of voters, supervised by

police and soldiers in camouflage, many carrying machine guns, stretched for hundreds of yards.

In northern Santiago, I advanced six feet after two hours' waiting and finally gave up. About 20,000 foreigners with more than five years' residence in Chile registered to vote, but Chileans favoured by the recent lifting of exile will not be able to.

Polling began as soon as voters' "tables" were constituted, an efficient process in some cases but for the most part long and complex.

Under electoral legislation, Chile is divided into 13 regions, split into *comunas*, but the key place for voters is their "table", where each must vote and where ballots are initially counted.

Every polling station has a vari-

able number of "tables", each representing 350 voters whose names were noted by hand in a volume of the electoral register when they signed the voters' lists. Each table is staffed by a president, secretary and two other people, accompanied in most cases by two scrutineers, representing two opposition political parties, and two or three scrutineers representing Pinochet supporters.

Radio Co-operativa reported that representatives of National Renovation, an ultra-conservative party supporting the President, were interfering with the voting at some tables, but did not specify how.

Voting was scheduled to close nine hours after the polls opened, at which time the members of each

table, observed by the scrutineers and, in theory, any interested observer, were to carry out a count, producing a "minute" with rapid totals, followed by the official document, an *acta*, which is sent by post to the electoral service for the official count.

The minutes were sent directly both to the "no" campaign's parallel-count headquarters and the Ministry of the Interior, the unofficial headquarters of the "yes" campaign.

The official plebiscite results, issued by the electoral service, will probably be ready by tomorrow.

Throughout voting yesterday, the big question was whether the Ministry of the Interior and the opposition counts would differ signifi-

cantly. Recounts and challenges to the process will be resolved by the Qualifying Electoral Court, made up of three members of the Supreme Court and a lawyer.

In the past 15 years, the Chilean courts have seldom found against the military Government.

● Pinochet warning: President Pinochet yesterday threatened to crack down hard on any left-wing violence (Reuter reports).

The general, referring to left-wing guerrillas whom the Government blames for the power cuts, declared: "We will come down hard on them." He told journalists after casting his vote: "When they threaten me, as a military man I feel calmer just waiting for them to give me something I can respond to."

Rising unrest forces Yugoslavia into a leadership purge

From Dusan Tivrisan, Belgrade

A sweeping shake-up is under way in the Yugoslav Communist Party leadership, with at least one third of the 164 members of the Central Committee likely to be replaced amid deepening ethnic tensions and renewed worker unrest.

The announcement of the impending purge was made by the party leader, Mr Stipe Suvor, as several thousand workers marched on Parliament in Belgrade yesterday for a second straight day, demanding pay rises, direct parliamentary representation and the resignation of the Federal Government of Mr Branko Mikulic.

At the same time, in the Vojvodina autonomous region, 20,000 workers demonstrated, issuing an ultimatum for the resignation of the entire local party leadership, which they held responsible for the deterioration in living conditions.

The protesters shouted slogans and jeered the regional party president. They called: "We've had enough of empty words," and "those who have landed the country in this situation should go."

Earlier, Mr Suvor said in a television interview that a third of the Central Committee, the party's decision-making body, might be replaced.

The victims might include members of the Politburo, he said. "We are very close to the idea of proposing to the Central Committee to hold a vote of confidence in Politburo members and those who

fail to get two-thirds of votes should go," he said.

He added that proposals to that effect would be made at the Central Committee session scheduled for October 17. Those expected to be dropped include the party leaders singled out for special criticism by thousands of protest rallies taking place in Serbia against rising Albanian nationalism in Kosovo province.

Already two members of the 24-man party Praesidium, Mr Bosko Krumic, until recently Yugoslavia's Communist Party chairman, and Mr Franc Setine, have resigned, both having been accused by Serbian protesters of blocking Serbia's efforts to secure safeguards for the Serbian minority in Kosovo and for failing to crush Albanian nationalism.

Mr Suvor said, however, that the shake-up in the Central Committee was mainly intended to bring in younger people. But the move is being seen by observers as a concession to the Serbian leadership, which has been the Federal Government's most vociferous critic.

He said Yugoslavia must insist on implementation of economic, political and party reforms in order to overcome the country's economic and social crisis.

Inflation is running at 217 per cent and the foreign debt is \$21 billion (£12.5 billion), resulting in falling living standards which have triggered some 800 strikes this year.

Mr Suvor said that the reforms were hampered by internal divisions and nation-

alist frictions in the country and the party leadership itself.

"In our Politburo and the Central Committee, people are more or less hostages to the republics' and provinces' views," Mr Suvor said, referring to frequent quarrels among Yugoslavia's six republics and two autonomous provinces.

However, he said there was no danger of Yugoslavia breaking up, but that it could come to the "verge of bitter conflicts".

Many ethnic Albanian party officials in Kosovo are expected to be among the first to go, including Mr Azem Vllasi, who until recently headed the party organization there and who has been continuously attacked by the party in Serbia.

The marches on Parliament this week have changed the emphasis of public agitation, which began in support of Serbia's current endeavours to regain direct control over the two autonomous provinces, and is now centred on social and economic discontent.

The Serbian party leader, Mr Slobodan Milosevic, addressed the workers who marched on Parliament on Tuesday and yesterday, promising to take up the problems immediately and then telling the crowds "now go back to work".

Mr Milosevic was well received by the workers, demonstrating again his increasing popularity and charisma, which have made him the country's most respected political leader.

Welcome for freed hostage



Mr Mithleshwar Singh, the Indian academic freed after 20 months as a hostage in Beirut, is helped down the steps of a US military plane on his arrival at Frankfurt yesterday while the US Consul-General in West Germany, Mr

Alexander Ratray, right, waits to greet him. American officials said Mr Singh, aged 60, who is resident in the US, had developed symptoms of coronary disease and lost up to 40 lb in weight during his captivity.

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The Hungarian Parliament in session

Diversions smothered in protocol

From Richard Bassett, Budapest

At first glance, Gate 17 of the Budapest Parliament is suspiciously like Westminster — the neo-Gothic pinnacles, stencilled walls and the same whiff of floor wax. Even the vast river frontage recalls the Mother of Parliaments.

Yesterday, on the opening day of one of the Hungarian Parliament's rare three-day sessions, the deputies were out in force.

The Hungarians take their Parliament very seriously. It was modelled very closely on London and as the fleet of black Mercedes pulled up outside Gate 17 yesterday, solid figures, immaculately tailored, filed into the Pug-inesque debating chamber which usually stands empty for most of the year.

With a Parliament which meets so infrequently, it is perhaps wise to take precautions. A number of us awaiting access to the press gallery at

the gate admired the smartly dressed young man who, leaving his black Mercedes nonchalantly, strolled in ahead of us with a sub-machine gun under his arm.

A deputy representing a particularly fractious constituency? No, just "routine security", a soldier at the gate said. Some of us were not so sure. How many of these gun-toting deputies were there?

"Three hundred and seventy-two," answered a parliamentary official promptly. "Three hundred and seventy-eight," corrected a Hungarian journalist.

"Three hundred and ninety-one," ruled the official Hungarian news agency representative, after exhaustive research, half an hour later.

All of them armed? "Not all of them," returned the guard. Inside, despite the 19th century opulence, the atmosphere was more of a

school prize-giving than the out and thrust of parliamentary debate. Rhetoric came to the fore as it had done time and again in this building during the 19th century.

Ears pricked only when one deputy asked an unscheduled question about "excessive pensions" for former ministers.

Warsaw (AP) — An independent political club, the *Dzielnia*, has been registered by the authorities and one of its members has been approached informally about joining the Government. It is the first time an independent organization has been made legal since the Communists consolidated power in 1947.

But this welcome diversion was quickly smothered in protocol as Mr Kalman Kulcsar, the Minister of Justice, rose to introduce the new Corporation Bill which will

liberate private enterprise. As the hours passed the deputies remained frozen in their seats.

After two hours, Mr Kulcsar was still describing how private firms could employ up to 500 people. No 24-hour bar offered escape from Mr Kulcsar's oratory.

With no jeers, not even a desultory boo, let alone any calls to order, the 391 deputies looked predictably subdued.

For them there was to be no chance of a quick dash to a nearby watering hole where they could follow the debate on television, returning just in time for a division bell.

Perhaps the gentleman with the machine gun at Gate 17 was there to prevent anyone trying to sneak away quietly.

As speech followed interminable speech, anything seemed possible, but slowly it became easier to understand why Parliament meets in Budapest so rarely.

Michelangelo hidden sketch unveiled

From Michael Binyoa
Washington

An unknown drawing by Michelangelo has turned up on the back of a drawing being prepared for an exhibition of his works that opens in the National Gallery of Art here on Sunday.

The drawing — of an anguished, open-mouthed woman — was discovered by conservators at the Uffizi Museum in Florence on the reverse of Michelangelo's drawing, "Cleopatra". It was behind a thick paper backing glued to it in the 19th century.

Discovered in late August, the drawing was authenticated by scholars in September.

Experts have known since at least the 1950s of the existence of a drawing on the verso of "Cleopatra", an image was dimly visible when the work was held up to light. But it was not until conservators began cleaning the sheet in preparation for the Washington exhibition that the backing was removed.

Michelangelo drawings are extremely rare. The artist burned hundreds before his



The newly revealed draft sketch of an apparently terrified woman (left) compared with the finished "Cleopatra".

death in an attempt to obscure his working procedures.

The new-found drawing, presumably a preliminary study for "Cleopatra", offers insights into the evolution of his ideas. It presents a figure markedly different in mood from the saddened yet tranquil one on the recto, or front.

Both show an elaborately coiffed figure with locks of hair draped across her shoulders.

The head turned slightly down and to the side. But, while the finished "Cleopatra" is a smoothly drawn figure, the sketch is more dramatic and shows a woman with arched eyebrows, screaming as if in terror. Both drawings date from the 1530s.

Art historians say the discovery of works on both sides of a sheet happens quite frequently. Several new works

of Raphael's were found in a similar way five years ago when exhibitions were held to mark the 500th anniversary of his birth.

The history of "Cleopatra" is well documented. Michelangelo gave it as a present to his friend, Tommaso Cavaliere, the recipient of many other drawings by the artist.

He in turn presented it to a January 20 to Duke Cosimo I de Medici. "I send this drawing," he wrote, "so dearly beloved by men that I feel as though I am losing one of my sons."

Fifty years later, the drawing was given to Michelangelo's relative, Michelangelo Buonarroti the Younger, for display in the Florentine palace bought by the artist in his old age. It has remained there since, apart from a 25-year loan to the Uffizi.

The Washington exhibition opening at the weekend will be an important showing of many of the artist's works. The Royal Library at Windsor has loaned 10 drawings for the exhibition from the Queen's collection.

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High-spending mayor counts the cost of Rio's decline

From Mac Margolis, Rio de Janeiro

In a 15-storey municipal office tower in Rio's bustling centre, telephones ring in empty rooms. A few miles away, in the lobby of the elegant marble receptionist whistles a popular tune to kill time. In half a dozen sites, striking public employees raise placards and shout slogans.

These are the sounds of a city in one of its worst financial crises. Early last month Senator Roberto Setúbal Braga, the Mayor, went on television to declare his city bankrupt.

Deep in debt to foreign and Brazilian banks and with credit lines frozen, he had run out of funds to pay 113,000 municipal workers. Virtually all the city's public schools have been shut since mid-September and hospitals are being run on reduced staff.

More than 40,000 homeless poor, displaced during torrential rainstorms six months ago, are still camped in army shelters, waiting for promised public housing.

Until the state governor finally pitched in with an emergency loan last week, building companies holding municipal IOUs had called a halt to dozens of public work projects. Doctors, nurses, teachers and sanitation workers have gone on strike, and marches and pickets have flared up all over Brazil's second metropolis.

About the only civil servant working is the weary Mayor

who, since this crisis began, has lost hours of sleep, made fierce enemies and witnessed the collapse of his successor's mayoral campaign and his own hopes for future office.

In recent days he has been besieged by demonstrators who have marched on the wooded grounds of the palace, demanding back pay and comparing him with one of the country's most unloved politicians, President Sarney.

The media have been unsparing, particularly the *Journal do Brasil*, which called for state intervention in Rio. Since then, President Sarney has refused to receive a city delegation, fueling rumours of a move for the Mayor.

According to Senator Braga, the immediate crisis broke in late August. Just as the city was renegotiating some short-term debts with private lenders, the Federal Government not only froze municipal accounts but announced the move to all private banks.

"It was a clear message in bankers' language not to lend to city hall," Senator Braga said. In other words, "the Finance Ministry was declaring the bankruptcy of Rio".

Like New York in 1975, the city was out of cash and out of credit, with nowhere to turn. "But New York is a big city in a big and rich country. Rio is a big city in a poor country going through its worst economic state in decades," the Mayor said. "Rio's crisis is really the crisis of Brazil."

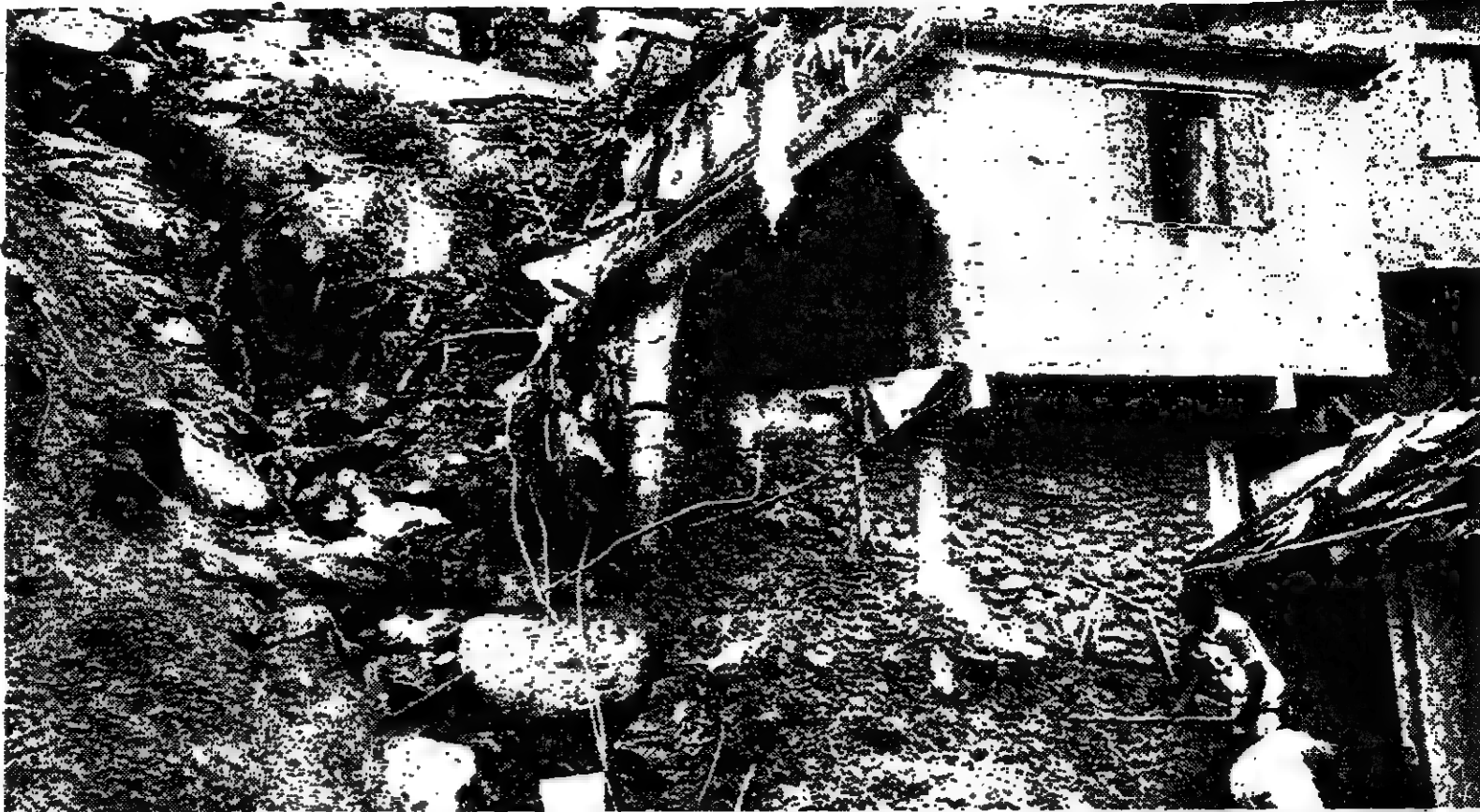
Even his most bitter foes concede that the city's crisis has deep roots. Rio bears the burden of an archaic infrastructure left over from its days as the seat of colonial empire and later as the capital of Brazil's republic. But in 1960 the Government built a new capital, Brasília, a modern city on the central plateau. Government moved west while industry moved south, to the dynamic São Paulo.

Since then Rio has lost prestige, taxes and political influence. What remains is a top-heavy administration that sustains 1,000 public schools and 16 public hospitals. Rio's public payroll alone consumes 80 per cent of the city budget.

Even against these odds and with an admittedly "thin budget", Senator Braga took office in 1985 announcing a bold administration that "invested heavily in social projects".

"That is what I was elected for," he said. But with \$150 million (£88 million) in foreign debts, another \$50 million in cruzeiro debt and facing triple-digit inflation, the city was hardly endowed for such investment.

Under the ambitious Senator Braga, Rio, already out-sized and on the edge of insolvency, grew even bigger and deeper in debt. He built 140 more public schools, more than doubled the number of health clinics to 300, and launched five bold industrial developments. The city hired 23,000 employees, swelling



Rio still bearing the scars of torrential storms which, six months on, have left more than 40,000 poor camped in army shelters, waiting for promised houses.

the public payroll by 20 per cent, and gave generous pay rises. Then disaster struck.

Three weeks of rains ravaged dozens of the 450 shanty towns that cling to Rio's mountains, leaving 40,000 homeless. President Sarney, who flew over the devastated city, promised millions of

dollars in federal aid, "but we have not seen any of the money yet", the Mayor said.

What is more, the Federal Government had begun to call in city and state debts. Faced with mounting bills and a social emergency, Senator Braga turned to private banks, which lifted their interest rates

daily to keep pace with the 800 per cent annual inflation rate.

The death knell struck when Senator Mailson Ferreira Danobrega, the Finance Minister, refused Senator Braga's request to float municipal bonds to finance the crushing debt.

Since then, the Mayor has been busy scurrying about

from meeting to meeting with Rio industrialists and pawning off city property. Some help came just last week when the World Bank approved a \$48 million matching loan for repairs of flood damage and flood prevention in Rio.

However, the only real relief is not likely to come until

January, when under Brazil's new Constitution the next mayor will receive a 20 per cent more of tax revenues.

Senator Braga must endure the final three months of his term, telephoning his remaining allies and hoping for clear skies and some good will from Brasília.

Libya softens policies

Gadafi offers liberal reforms

By Nicholas Beeston

With Libya now appearing ready to make peace with Chad and other previously hostile neighbours, an equally dramatic liberalization process is under way at home with Colonel Gadafi preaching the values of the bourgeoisie above his own revolution.

Observers are puzzled by the events of the past 10 months, which have seen the Libyan leader ease travel restrictions, abolish hated institutions, release political prisoners, and promise free-market economic reforms.

Experts on Libya said that the humiliating military setbacks for Colonel Gadafi's forces in Chad last year destroyed morale and led to a series of defections to Egypt. The country's continued poor economic performance and its growing isolation in the world may have prompted the Libyan leader to embark on a more conciliatory course.

One of his first decisive internal actions was to abolish the hated "revolutionary courts" and chastise the unpopular people's committees for their human rights record.

He also promised to ban capital punishment and released 400 political prisoners. Although he tightened the military conscription operation, he also reduced the term of national service and last month went as far as promising to abolish the armed forces

and replace them with a volunteer defence body.

In one vintage Gadafi performance, he was filmed on a bulldozer in March destroying a wall of Tripoli prison and liberating inmates selected for the amnesty, in an orchestrated display of his new concern for the rights of his people. However, the wall has since been repaired.

Dr Tim Niblock, head of the Middle East department at Essex University, predicted: "In spite of his promise, he will retain a strong defence force." Diplomats said that the verbal attack on the people's committees was intended to court popular support, but their role in enforcing his authority on a local level meant they would remain in place as well.

Colonel Gadafi has also allowed Libyans to travel abroad and has given them access to limited amounts of foreign currency. The state trade organizations are also meant to be dismantled to allow private enterprise to replace the state-controlled economy.

"We declare that we are going to set up a *Jumouriyah* (republic) bourgeois state," Colonel Gadafi told stunned listeners on September 1, accusing opponents of such a course of denying working people the chance of a prosperous life.

Experts question how free-market principles can work in a country where there is not the economic infrastructure to support them and predict that if such changes did come about there would be an immediate flight of capital.

Certainly in his attitudes to the West, Colonel Gadafi has displayed a desire to improve relations, although Britain and most of its Western allies are sure he has not given up his support for terrorist groups such as the IRA and the Palestinian group, Abu Nidal.



Colonel Gadafi: Now full of praise for bourgeois values.

Paris caution over Chad agreement

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

Foreign Ministry officials in Paris have urged caution after the announcement on Monday that Libya and Chad — in open conflict until Chad inflicted a humiliating defeat on Libyan forces last year — had renewed diplomatic relations.

French diplomatic circles, while officially "rejoicing" at the news, are still smarting from the way that Colonel Gadafi pulled the wool over President Mitterrand's eyes at their 1984 meeting in Crete.

At that time the Libyan leader convinced the French President that all Libyan troops would be pulled out of Chad. The French "Operation Manta" military contingent, then supporting the fight by President Habré of Chad against Libyan-backed rebels in the north, was withdrawn.

It was back in place 14 months later under the codename "Operation Epervier" (Sparrowhawk) because, far from pulling out, Colonel Gadafi used the period to reinforce his military presence in northern Chad.

Despite the Chad-Libyan communiqué, which promises

that the countries' differences will be resolved by peaceful means, M. Jean-Pierre Chevènement, the French Defence Minister, declared on Tuesday that he was in no hurry to withdraw the contingent of troops, almost 2,000-strong, still in place.

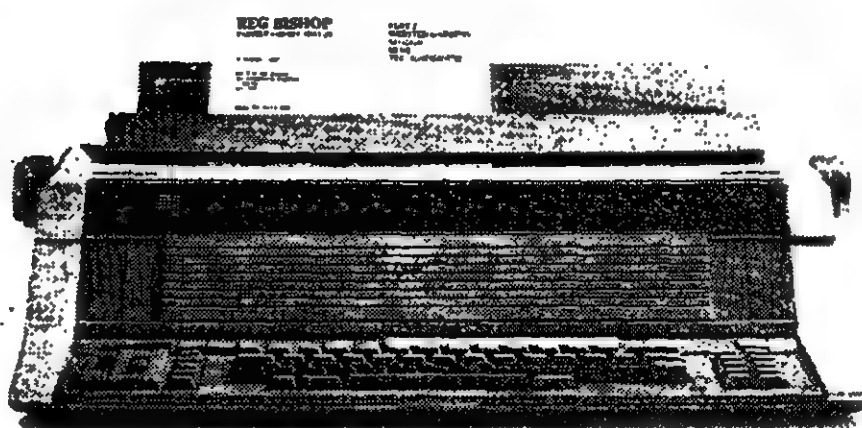
Nor is the Chad Government about to ask for a pull-out. It is mindful of the sophisticated Libyan weaponry installed in the disputed Aozou Strip, which separates the two countries, and the equally sophisticated French arsenal in the south.

The main stumbling block to lasting peace is that both Chad and Libya lay claim to the Strip. Now, for the first time, Libya has agreed to discuss the problem. Chad announced on Tuesday that it was willing to take the dispute to the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

Falling oil revenues and discontent at home have forced Colonel Gadafi to modify his dream of bringing his neighbours under his leadership. Already this year, he has renewed ties with Tunisia.

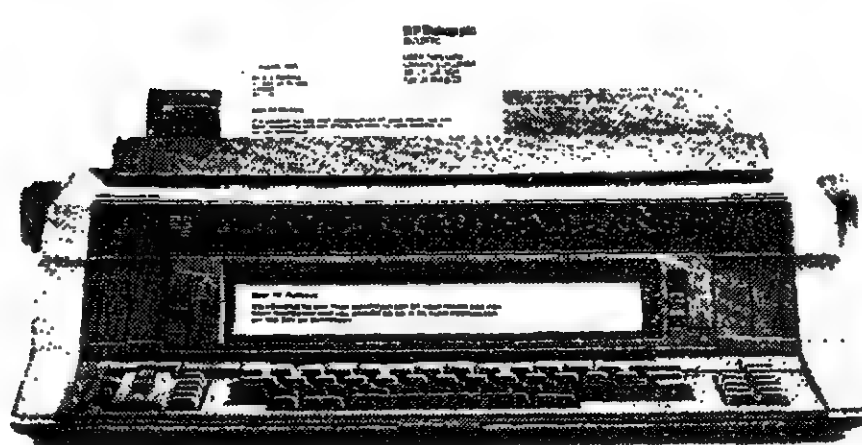
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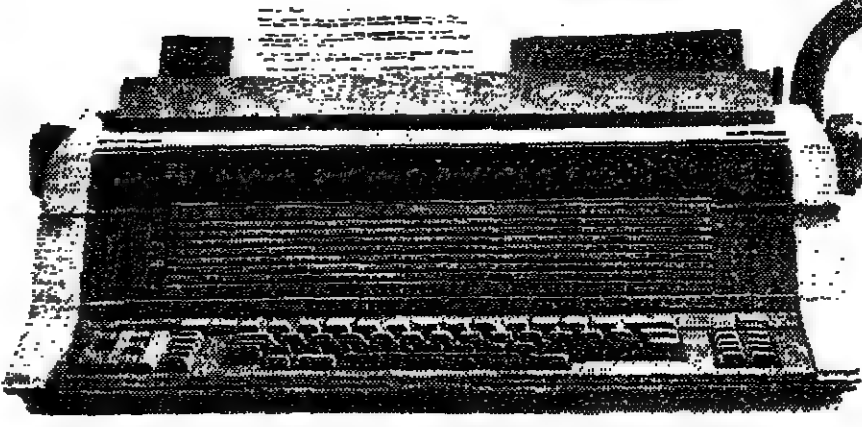
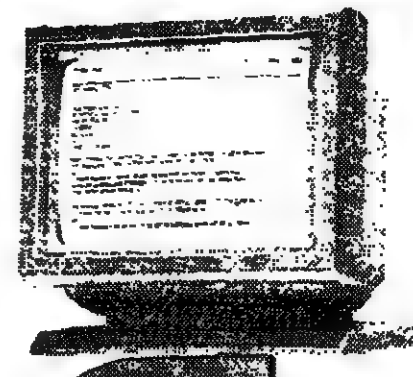
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Campaign moves into higher gear with fresh polls, strategies and key debate

Electoral College puts Democrats at a disadvantage

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Whether it is Vice-President George Bush or Governor Michael Dukakis who becomes America's 41st President will not be finally decided by the millions of voters who support them on November 8.

It will be decided by 538 unknown members of the Electoral College, an obscure, anachronistic body whose only function is to act as a barrier between the American electorate and the White House. It is this body that now makes a victory for Mr Bush appear almost inevitable.

The Electoral College is an institution invented in the 18th century that almost no one remembers until election day. Technically, Americans do not vote directly for the presidential candidate, but only so that each state can decide which man its members of the Electoral College must back.

The winner of the popular vote in each state captures all that state's Electoral College votes. If a party's support is clustered in a few states—as is the Democrats—as in the old industrial heartland—it is at a disadvantage, compared with the party having smaller majorities in more areas.

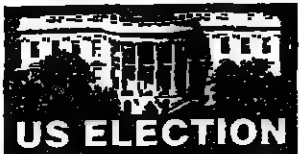
Only twice has the winner of the popular vote failed to win the election—the last time being in 1888. But the system forces candidates to concentrate on big marginal states and to pursue strategies to garner the minimum of 270 Electoral College votes needed to win.

In recent elections, the Republicans have gained an ever firmer hold on the Electoral College, as the American population moves from the North-East to the South-West, from the cities to the suburbs. For the suburbs and the sunbelt are natural Republican territory.

This year the South and the West hold 54 per cent of the electoral votes. And in these states the vote itself is steadily becoming more Republican.

Mr Pat Cade, a former leading pollster, has called the Electoral College "nothing less than an electoral Motherhorn" for the Democrats. He based this on statistics from the past five elections which show a startling fact: that the Democratic Party now has no base. Only the District of Columbia, with a mere three votes, has voted for the Democratic ticket each time. Twenty-three states, with a total of 202 electoral votes, have voted Republican every time.

One of these states, California, is the biggest prize of all,



with 47 electoral votes. If the states that have supported the Republicans four out of the past five times are added to this base, the party ends up with 36 states and 354 electoral votes—well over the margin needed for victory. Only one state, Minnesota, has voted Democratic four out of the past five times—for a Minnesota on the ticket.

Already, polls give Mr Bush a solid core of 151 votes in 21 states in the South and the West that are unlikely to change before November 8.

The Dukakis strategy therefore must be to win several large states where the outcome will probably be decided. This was the thinking behind his decision to pick Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas as his running mate. Texas, with 29 votes, is the third-largest bloc of votes, and one that has been essential to every Democratic victory since 1945.

But polls show Texas leaning towards Mr Bush. And of the other big states, only New York can be safely counted on to back Mr Dukakis. He must also win Pennsylvania, with its heavy concentration of blue-collar workers who lost jobs under the Republicans. If he fails here, he is unlikely to win in the other key industrial states of Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and New Jersey. Polls

Backing for Bush

Washington—The Reagan Administration has been demonstrating a good deal of vigor recently in using its resources to advance the presidential ambitions of Mr George Bush (NYT reports).

One example is environmental policy, a Republican weak spot. A strategy has now been announced for dealing with the garbage crisis, and a controversial plan for surface coal-mining on protected land has been shelved, with one eye on election day.

show that Mr Bush is leading in all these states except Illinois. California is still marginal. Despite the growing Hispanic vote and the disillusion with many Reagan policies there—especially on the environment—Mr Dukakis faces stiffened opposition from the Republicans, determined not to lose the cornerstone of Mr Reagan's two victories there. The

Republicans also know that they have not won the White House in recent years without carrying California.

Latest polls, however, put Mr Bush ahead in 32 states, with a total of 296 votes, while Mr Dukakis leads in only 10 states, with 112 votes. The remaining nine states, casting 137 votes, are thought even.

The South and Border states, once a solid bastion for the Democrats, are now key Republican territory. Only in West Virginia is Mr Dukakis ahead. In other areas such as Florida, South Carolina and Virginia, he has virtually given up campaigning.

He is doing better in the North-East, his home territory. But a fierce fight is going on for New Jersey, a pivotal state where Democrats outnumber Republicans by two-to-one. A huge independent voting bloc helped give the state to the Republicans in the past five elections.

In the Midwest, Mr Dukakis is ahead in traditionally liberal states such as Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. But Mr Bush has a narrow advantage in North and South Dakota, Missouri, Ohio and Michigan, and is strongly ahead in Kansas, Nebraska and Indiana.

If Mr Dukakis is to overtake Mr Bush, he must win at least Ohio and Michigan, the latter being a big industrial state with strong trade unions that ought to be traditional Democratic territory.

The Republicans hope that demographic changes, especially the flight from the cities to the suburbs, will solidify the anti-tax feelings of voters and make white, working-class Democrats identify more with the Republican message of less government and lower taxes.

In a landslide, the arithmetic of the Electoral College matters less: the popular vote is so one-sided in each state, that a Johnson, a Reagan or a Nixon in 1968 can cruise home comfortably. But it is when things are very close, as now, that the peculiar indirect system of voting matters.

Strategists have not forgotten the crucial Illinois votes that gave victory to Senator Kennedy in 1960 or the Ohio votes that helped Mr Jimmy Carter overcome President Ford's Republican lock on the West in 1976.

Generally the battle in the big states moves decisively enough to offset the foregone conclusions in the smaller states. That is what the Democrats are counting on. But the picture is not bright for them.



Senator Dan Quayle and his wife Marilyn, right, arriving at Omaha airport in Nebraska for last night's vice-presidential debate. With them are Nebraska's Governor, Mrs Kay Orr, left, and Senator Dave Karnes of Nebraska and his wife, Liz.

Dukakis 'narrowing the gap'

From Michael Binyon, Washington

On the eve of the crucial vice-presidential debate between Senator Dan Quayle and Senator Lloyd Bentsen, a new poll suggested that the presidential race is tightening.

Governor Michael Dukakis, who was trailing by six points, has now drawn almost even with Vice-President George Bush, according to a *New York Times*/CBS poll. Mr Bush holds a narrow lead of 45 points to 43.

The small shift towards the Governor of Massachusetts, from a survey of 1,034 voters last weekend, is within the statistical margin of error of three points. But there were other indicators that the gap is closing.

For example, when those who were undecided were asked which way they lean, Mr Bush had 46 per cent and Mr Dukakis 48 per cent. Only two-thirds of the probable electorate said their minds were made up; 34 per cent

favoured Mr Bush and 32 per cent Mr Dukakis. Both sets of figures were narrower than those in an earlier *New York Times* poll on the eve of the first presidential debate.

Since that debate, Mr Dukakis has consolidated his support, especially among blacks and liberals. He also gained ground among Democrats who voted for President Reagan in 1984, a key target group for both campaigns.

The poll also showed that the vice-presidential running mates are making an unusually large difference to the race this year. Continued doubts over Senator Quayle before last night's confrontation in Omaha, Nebraska, were hurting Mr Bush. If the two candidates were compared without their running mates, Mr Bush was ahead of his rival by a larger margin—48 per cent to 43 per cent.

Senator Bentsen was also an easy winner when voters were

asked if they would vote for him or Mr Quayle if the election were only for a vice-president. He led in every region of the country, including the Midwest, Mr Quayle's home territory, where the Indiana senator trailed Mr Bentsen by 45 to 35 per cent.

But the poll also had good news for the Republicans. It showed that the Bush campaign attacks on Mr Dukakis have worked. More voters now view the Democratic candidate unfavourably (35 per cent) than favourably (32 per cent). That was the highest unfavourable rating yet recorded for him in a *New York Times* poll.

By comparison Mr Bush has shaken off his earlier negatives. Some 39 per cent now see him favourably, and 32 per cent unfavourably.

These figures explain why the Dukakis campaign is now running a fierce attack on Mr Bush with tough television

advertisements. "They've got to go to war with Bush on TV," said Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas, a strong Dukakis supporter. "Bush has called Dukakis everything but a mongrel dog in his television commercials, and those commercials have to be effectively answered."

One of the Bush campaign's main aims has been to paint Mr Dukakis as a liberal. The *New York Times* poll found that they have been succeeding. Some 43 per cent of voters said Mr Dukakis was a liberal, up from 36 per cent last month and 27 per cent in May. Only 41 per cent in the new poll saw Mr Dukakis as a moderate or conservative, down from 48 per cent last month.

The vast majority of voters describe themselves as moderate (45 per cent) or conservative (34 per cent). Only 15 per cent call themselves liberals.

Senators wary of California jinx

From Christopher Thomas, Los Angeles

The peculiar political concoction produced by California's burgeoning white, black, Hispanic and Asian populations has done more than throw presidential politics into turmoil. Senators say the place is jinxed: they are forever being tossed out of office.

Senator Pete Wilson, a rather bland and widely unknown Republican who beat the very well-known and extremely unpopular Mr Jerry Brown six years ago, is being challenged in a race that looks set to cost the rival parties a record \$24 million (£14 million). It has not been an inspiring fight, but it is decidedly dirty.

The "jinx" theory is based on the fact that none of the five senators who preceded Mr Wilson served more than one term. The Democratic attempt to dislodge him next month has been one of the most notably clumsy, inept political exercises of the 1988 season and consequently there seems to be every chance that the long spell is at last going to be broken.

Mr Leo McCarthy, an old-style Democratic liberal, is California's Lieutenant-Governor—a job that has cynically been said to involve nothing more than making sure each morning that the Governor is still alive. According to the latest reckon-

ing, he is fully 10 points away from beating Mr Wilson.

His quiet manner makes him almost indistinguishable from most voters from the equally quiet Mr Wilson. Asked to reflect on the respective styles of the contenders, one commentator observed: "McCarthy is the one in the dark suit. Politically, however, they are night and day."

Mr McCarthy's campaign got off to such a disastrous start that it was put on hold in the Spring while it was stitched back together. He re-entered the contest about six weeks ago with a subdued call for a renewed partnership between labour and business. Most Californians have still never heard of him.

With his poll coffers running at about half the \$15 million the Republicans are spending, the affable Mr McCarthy is hitching his campaign to the broader Democratic presidential bid for the prize of California. Thus he has become an echo of Governor Michael Dukakis, emphasizing job creation and care for the elderly, while attacking the Reagan Administration's economic record.

The Republicans, by contrast, are moving in with an aggressive TV campaign for what they think will be the kill. Their rival's name lends itself to a play on a word that

in America is nasty and evocative: McCarthyism.

Television commercials featuring the voice of Charlton Heston warning that the Democratic contender would deliver "untrue charges and innuendoes", although the ads did not elaborate on the possible nature of the slurs.

California is at once both liberal (welfare, AIDS care, different lifestyles) and conservative (defence, gun ownership, the death penalty). While Mr McCarthy has studiously been defending his stand on the liberal issues, Mr Wilson has made headway by fiercely attacking his rival on the conservative ones.

He labels Mr McCarthy as weak and soft on crime and points accusingly to his support for Mrs Rose Bird, the former California Chief Justice, who was voted out of office in 1986 for voting to overturn the sentences in all 65 death penalty cases she considered. It has proved to be an effective attack; the name Rose Bird is a synonym among conservative Californians—Democrats included—for letting killers get away with it.

To win, Mr Wilson must capture independent and conservative Democratic votes, since Democrats outnumber Republicans. Opinion polls show that in that respect he is

doing far better than Vice-President Bush.

In 1976, Mr Wilson, a former much-praised Mayor of San Diego, took a grave political risk and endorsed Mr Gerald Ford over Mr Ronald Reagan in the presidential campaign. President Reagan could hardly bear to utter Mr Wilson's name during a speech delivered on his behalf in 1982, but the senator turned out to be one of the Administration's most faithful supporters in Washington. He backs the Contras and "Star Wars".

Once he showed up in the Senate in pyjamas while still recovering from surgery to cast a decisive vote for the Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment. In a sharp twist of the knife, Mr McCarthy harps back ceaselessly to that famous day, which put the senator on every main front page and on every television screen.

"What is the one thing we remember about Pete Wilson's thoroughly undistinguished six years in the US Senate?" he asks. "We remember the day he was rolled in on a stretcher from Walter Reed Army Medical Centre where his medical bills were completely paid for, so he could vote to cut social security and health care benefits for our elderly citizens."

US trial brings in the crowds

From Charles Bremner, New York

An army of cameramen can be found barging onto the rush-hour city centre subway train in Manhattan every morning this week. Their quarry is a regal and beautiful woman in her sixties, pallid and dressed like a widow, who gets off without a word at the law courts to sit in the dock for another day of public humiliation in New York's latest saga of greed, sex and corruption.

The trial of Miss Bess Myerson, the poor girl from the Bronx who rose to become Miss America, a television personality and then a top officer of the city council, has all the ingredients of a blockbuster.

Starring as defendants along with the fallen queen are her much younger lover, a millionaire plumbing contractor who met her when he came to dig a sewer, and Judge Horstmann Gabel, one of America's most highly respected jurists.

The cast of the "Bess Myerson" saga includes a jealous wife, a star prosecution witness who will testify against her mother, treacherous chauffeurs and, in a cameo role, Mayor Edward Koch, who became a close friend of Miss Myerson and possibly owed his 1977 election to her.

Miss Myerson, aged 64, and her co-defendants face a possible 30-year prison sentence on charges of conspiracy, bribery and obstruction of justice. She is said to have bribed Judge Gabel to reduce a \$19,000 (£11,000) a year job that Miss Myerson gave to Judge Gabel's emotionally disturbed daughter.

The heart of the public fascination is Miss Myerson's



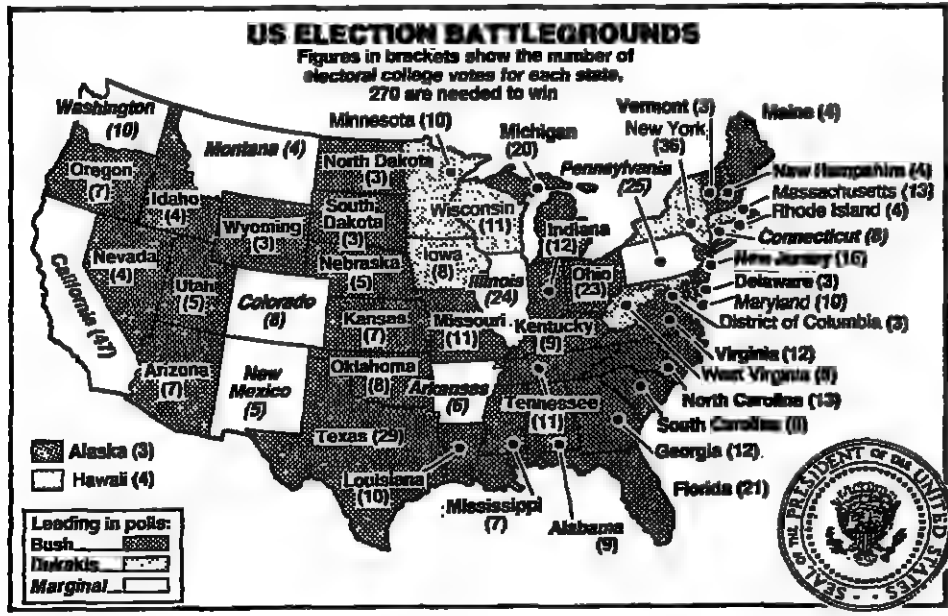
Mayor Koch: Was a close friend of chief defendant.

Myerson character in postwar New York and her widely reported entanglements and self-destruction.

Miss Myerson combined ambition, beauty and brains. After becoming the first Jewish Miss America in 1945, proudly describing herself as "Queen of the Jews", she went on to star in *I've Got A Secret* and other popular quiz shows in the 1950s and 1960s and then launched a political career that culminated in standing, unsuccessfully, for the US Senate in 1980.

In 1977, her presence at the side of Mr Koch, then a New York congressman, helped him to quell gossip that he was homosexual and to win the election as Mayor. The pair encouraged rumours that they might marry. Mr Koch has said he will tell the court that he had been misled by Miss Myerson over the appointment of Judge Gabel's daughter, who has been appearing for weeks on television talk shows to give a preview of her testimony against her 75-year-old mother.

In 1982, Mr Koch appointed Miss Myerson Commissioner for Cultural Affairs.



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Directions to convict justified through weakness of defence evidence

Regina v Hill

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice McCullough and Mr Justice Kennedy (Judgment October 4)

Judges were correct in directing the juries to convict in two cases of possessing a hacksaw blade with intent to damage property—the intention in each case being to cut one strand in a chain-link fence at the US Naval Facility on Ministry of Defence property at Brawdy, Dyfed.

The Lord Chief Justice so stated when delivering the judgment of the court refusing applications for leave to appeal against conviction.

Mrs Valerie Mary Hill, aged 43, of Cwmnamrhys, Gwernol, Dyfed, was convicted last November at Haverfordwest Crown Court (Judge Graham Jones and a jury) of possessing an article with intent to damage property, contrary to section 3 of the Criminal Damage Act 1971. Later the same month, at the same court, before Judge Glyn Morgan and a jury, Jennifer Hall, aged 25, was convicted on a similar count. Each was conditionally discharged and ordered to pay £370 towards the costs of prosecution.

Mr John Bowyer, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Ap-

peals, for the applicants; Mr Vivian Manning-Davies for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that each applicant applied for leave to appeal against conviction on grounds of mixed fact and law. The facts and grounds in each case were to all intents and purposes identical.

The particulars of offence charged against Mrs Hill were that, on April 4, 1987, she had in her custody or under her control a hacksaw blade intending without lawful excuse to use the article to damage a fence belonging to the Secretary of State for Defence.

She admitted that she had the blade and that she intended with it to cut one strand of the chain-link fence at the US Naval Facility at Brawdy.

The defence in each case was one of lawful excuse. She was, she alleged in short, acting in pursuance of a campaign directed at US bases and aimed at forcing the United Kingdom to abandon nuclear weapons.

Part of Mrs Hill's evidence was that she believed the purpose of the bases was to monitor movements of Soviet submarines and in the event of hostilities breaking out the base would be the subject of a nuclear

strike with resulting devastation to the area. She lived about 40 miles away. Consequently her property and that of her friends and neighbours in Pembroke-shire would be put at risk should there be any such nuclear strike.

If enough people cut the perimeter wire the Americans might consider the base too insecure to be maintained. They might remove their base and thereby remove the reason for Soviet attack—or else the UK Government would take steps to remove the need for such bases by abandoning the idea of nuclear defence.

Thus, at the end of that series of hypothetical events, her own property or that of her neighbours would avoid destruction.

It was part of a concerted campaign by a number of members of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, each of whom would cut a small portion of wire.

The defence was based on the provision in section 3(2) of the 1971 Act that a person charged with an offence under section 3 was to be treated as having a lawful excuse "if he . . . something intended to destroy or damage [the property] in order to protect property belonging to himself or another . . . and at the time of the act or acts alleged to

constitute the offence he believed—(i) that the property was in immediate need of protection."

Section 3(3) provided that it was immaterial whether or not the belief was justified if it was honestly held.

The judge directed the jury to convict on the basis, first, that what the applicant did or proposed to do could not, viewed objectively, be said to have been done to protect her own or any else's property under section 3(3)(b). It was simply part of a political campaign aimed at drawing attention to the base and the risks, as she described them, raised by its presence and aimed at having the base removed.

He concluded that the causative relationship between the acts and the alleged protection was so tenuous and nebulous that the acts could not be said to be done to protect, viewed objectively.

The second basis was that, on her own evidence, she could not be said to have believed, under section 3(3)(b)(i) that the property was in immediate need of protection.

The judge in each case relied on *R v Hunt* (1978) 66 Cr App R 105. The material findings in that case were set out in the transcript of *R v Ashford* v

Smith (unreported, May 26, 1988, CA) in which similar considerations were raised as those in the present case.

Mr Bowyer submitted that *Hunt* and *Ashford* and *Smith* were wrongly decided and that the test was a subjective test, that it was a question of what she believed and it should have been left to the jury, as a matter of fact, to decide what it was that she did believe.

Their Lordships were bound by *Hunt* and *Ashford* and *Smith* unless *Hunt* was wrongly decided in the light of previous authority. Mr Bowyer submitted it was wrongly decided as revealed by *Chandler v DPP* (1964) AC 763, which bore a certain superficial resemblance to the present case.

Their Lordships had examined the speeches in *Chandler* with some particularity but were unable to derive any assistance whatsoever from that case. Therefore they were bound by *Hunt*, which their Lordships thought was correctly decided.

There were two aspects to such a question in the present case. The first was to decide what it was that the applicant in her own mind thought. The judge assumed that the purposes of her decision that everything she said about her reasoning was true. Up to that point the text

was subjective; in other words

being genuine what was going on in her mind.

Having done that he turned to the second aspect of the case. He had to determine, as a matter of law—that is, objectively—whether it could be said that on those facts as believed by the applicant, snipping a strand of the wire could amount to something done to protect either her own home or the homes of her adjacent friends.

He decided, quite rightly in their Lordships' view, that that act was too remote from the eventual aim at which she had targeted her actions to satisfy the test.

The second half of the question was that of the immediacy of the danger. The statutory wording was "in immediate need of protection". Once again the judge had to determine whether on the facts as stated by the applicant, there was any evidence on which it could be said that there was a need of protection from immediate danger.

In their Lordships' view that had to mean something which, in the circumstances, demanded that immediate action had to be taken to do something which would otherwise be a crime in order to prevent the immediate

risk of something worse happening.

There was no evidence that there was that immediate danger.

The final problem, on which Mr Bowyer expended most of his eloquence, was whether the judge in each case was correct to direct the jury to convict. Mr Bowyer read extensively from *DPP v Stonehouse* (1978) AC 55.

Their Lordships acknowledged, needless to state, the authority and force of what appeared there, noting at the same time that there were two dissenting voices.

In that case the Crown had to show, as part of the affirmative case, that Stonehouse's actions were directly connected with the attempt to obtain insurance money by pretending that he was dead when he was not. In other words the Crown had to show that the actions were sufficiently proximate to constitute an attempt.

In that case the judge withdrew from the jury that part of the affirmative prosecution case—and that was a question of fact.

It remained a question of fact, however unlikely Stonehouse's version might be. That was the reason for the decision by Lord Salmon, Lord Edmund-Davies

and Lord Keith of Kinkel, who thought that the judge had acted wrongly.

The situation in the instant case was not the same. Here the judge was dealing with the defence of lawful excuse. Certainly the prosecution had to eliminate, to destroy, that defence, but it was not part of the prosecution's affirmative case.

The situation bore a similarity to the defence of self-defence and, as in that case so in this, there was no need for the judge to direct the jury on the matter unless there was some evidence capable of constituting the defence. In fact, there was none, as the judge in each case rightly held.

The judge was correct to act as he did. Had their Lordships' decision been otherwise, they would have had no hesitation in dismissing the appeal by application of the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968—there would have been no injustice.

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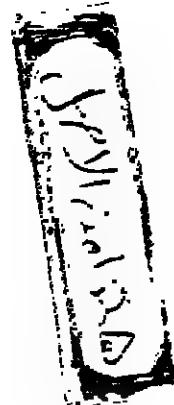
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demand grows everywhere for skills in commerce, science and engineering

Britain has a long tradition of sending its sons to distant places to earn a living, Alan Franks reports. Today the tradition is still alive as the

The export of British know-how has a long tradition. Today's electronics engineers and financial managers, marketing their skills across the world, are the heirs to the empire builders of another age. Indeed, the lure of working and living abroad can still be one of the major factors in the choice of a career.

For those who want to make the world their oyster there seem to be two main choices - either attach yourself to a multinational, or find a recruitment agency which places staff abroad. In general, freelancing in most fields seems to be comparatively rare. Many countries have developed their own skills or insist on a "nationalist first" policy.

The best bet in banking, for example, would be to join a British overseas bank which, by definition, has most of its branches abroad. Although almost all of the big clearing banks have foreign interests, the number of staff involved would be relatively small.

For the person ambitious to work overseas another language is an obvious asset. As Graham Guest, assistant secretary of the Institution of Electrical and Electronics Incorporated Engineers, says: "There is a German saying, 'If I'm selling I'll speak your language, if I'm buying you can speak mine.' We still have this reluctance to learn another language but it can be very important, along with a willingness to be culturally adaptable." The global implications of engineering are vast, he says, and British-trained personnel are much in demand in Australia, New Zealand, and the Middle and the Far East.

Europe is already a major marketplace for engineering talents and 1992 should further the trend. Sir Fred Catherwood, a member of the European Parliament and an industrialist with vast experience at the head of major companies, sees opportunities particularly for small businesses.

Opportunities in Europe apply in other fields, too. Dr Douglas Eyskens, director general of the Computing Services Association, points out that 1,400 companies in 17 European countries are already interchanging personnel. "There is generally a staff shortage in the computing industry and so the tendency is to contract staff from UK companies when the specialist knowledge is not available locally. Also, British labour is still cheaper than that of many European countries." He believes demand is not so great outside Europe: British labour can look comparatively expensive and many countries are, in any case, training their own people.

America is forecasting a boom in demand for skills in a number of areas. Gary Burlless, Senior Fellow in Economics at the Brookings Institute in Washington, focuses particularly on computer and mathematical science, engineering, architecture, surveying, the law and health-related occupations.

For those considering exporting their skills, there is one warning. John Sear, head of Charrac, the career counselling and appointments service at the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, says: "You must be aware that being away for a couple of years might have its dangers. You don't want to come back to find someone else in your chair."



Bytes and pieces: Feridun Kadir enjoys the challenge of designing something then "getting it to work"

NO TIME TO STAGNATE

As a student, Feridun Kadir was given £300 a year by STC as part of its policy aimed at encouraging undergraduates to take electronic engineering degrees. "I could hardly believe it," Kadir says. "They offered you the chance to work there in the vacations but there were no strings attached." He joined the company four years ago with a 2-1 from York University and is now a senior engineer at STC Telecommunications in Harlow, Essex. His job involves maximizing the efficiency and benefits of computer systems in the design of electronic equip-

ment, particularly in telephone exchanges, in a process known as computer-aided engineering.

"I was always fascinated by this field, right from when I used to make models as a kid. There is something very satisfying in designing something, getting it to work and seeing it through to the final stage," he says. "And this is such a fast moving field, there is no chance to stagnate."

Kadir works a 37½-hour week of flexitime built round two "core" periods a day but frequently contributes more. He started at £7,400 and now earns £16,000. He

hopes to be a principal engineer within a year.

The company takes on around 250 graduates in the electronics field annually, preferring electronic engineering degrees. Training is on the job.

So in demand are the skills of men such as Kadir that he could work almost anywhere in the world. For the foreseeable future, however, he wants to stay with STC, expanding his technical knowledge while moving more into the managerial side. STC has already allowed him time off to gain a diploma in Management Studies.

TIME FOR SOME IMAGE BUILDING

British engineering is looking towards one of its most daunting projects of design and reconstruction - on itself. In this task it could well use the poise and potency of the professions which have been ousted from the student imagination.

The first three parts of our series have shown that, since commerce is luring so many academically able young men and women to its well-paid ranks, there must be casualties. There are... and engineering is one of them.

The figures are alarming. Last year, while graduate numbers going into commerce rose by 11 per cent, those entering engineering fell by 12 per cent. As a result, the Department of Education and Science launched two £30,000 surveys to find why fewer sixth-formers are applying for engineering courses.

There are any number of people in the industry who believe they could have saved the DES its money. Today's sixth-formers are as aware as they have ever been of what they are going to get - financially as well as vocationally - from a degree. Department of Trade and Industry figures show that even six years after leaving university, the engineering graduate might have only just passed the five-figure salary mark. His counterparts in banking and accountancy will be worth twice as much in financial terms.

The irony is that when the Government tried to beef up the number of engineering students by injecting £43 million into the universities, the slight upturn was more than offset by the subsequent drain of qualified engineers into commerce. In the words of John Pullin, editor of *The Engineer*, the City is "poised and waiting... There is never a shortage of companies wanting to poach young engineers for their expertise."

There are two more reasons for the present state of affairs. The first is the trend among children to avoid the subject at an early age - engineering simply lacks lure. "There is a terrible shortage of literature and presentation," admits Dr Tony Deason, general secretary of the Institute of Engineers and Technicians. Perhaps one of the most alarm-

ing statistics supporting the fear that engineering lacks any sort of effective PR to broaden its appeal is that the institute's membership of 5,000 includes only 40 women. Not even a sympathetic Prime Minister could do anything about it. Four years ago, she rode on a "battle bus" bearing the acronym WISE (Women Into Science and Engineering). Today, women account for 1 per cent of Britain's 300,000 engineers.

The second reason has to do with the structure of the industry. While the giants, such as ICI or Rolls-Royce, have established programmes to take in graduates every year, many of the smaller companies dropped their schemes during the recession of the 1970s. Worse, some of these argue that full order books and "lean" payrolls mean there is neither the time nor the manpower available to teach skills to young newcomers who might not stay.

There is never a shortage of companies wanting to poach young engineers

That factor has a particular importance in engineering. While the very big companies (those large enough to offer an integrated three-year programme) are relatively few, the number of smaller ones (those with fewer than 250 employees) runs into tens of thousands. It is this sector which forms the bulk of the industry but which cannot offer instruction with a broad application.

There is, perhaps, a more deep-seated cultural reason for engineering's failure to match its appeal to its potential. John Pullin approaches it in these terms: "Ten years ago there was a rather influential book written by an American called Wiener, in which he argued that one of the traditional troubles with England was that the sons of the Brunels and Stephensons became land-owners. You can see what he was getting at: that engineering was not something you stayed in. If it made you money, you used that money in order to get out of it."

The reality, Dr Deason points out, is that it is a "varied, sophisticated, complicated and utterly vital" strand of our commercial life. If it is badly misunderstood, it must blame itself as much as the upstart professionals who steal its recruits. Additional reporting by Sara Driver, Liz Gill, Christine Hill and Sam Kiley.

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COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST	13,365	16,875	10,914	12,484	14,289	14,032	14,556	12,476
ELECTRONICS ENGINEER	7,750	13,500	10,550	11,365	12,503	12,490	12,885	11,802
MARKETING EXECUTIVE	10,970	12,653	11,245	11,520	11,362	11,903	10,213	10,839
SCIENTIST	11,985	12,574	13,000	13,000	13,609	11,970	11,970	10,656

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Highest

Lowest

In Britain average starting salaries in the professions vary greatly. The electronics engineer, for example, might expect £13,600 in London but only £7,750 in the eastern counties. Last year starting salaries for university leavers represented 77 per cent of average male earnings. (Source: Reward Regional Surveys Ltd. No figures available for Wales.)

TOMORROW

Looking for gentlemen of the new leisure industries

SCIENCE REPORT

An anti-pregnancy vaccine?

The search for a contraceptive vaccine for men and women will be spurred by the success of such a vaccine in laboratory animals. Vaccination with a sperm protein leads to 100 per cent contraception in both male and female guinea-pigs. And the contraceptive effects wear off after a few months, with no harmful side-effects.

But a transfer of this method to clinical use in humans must await more detailed studies of human sperm structure. These will now assume higher priority with researchers.

In the current issue of *Nature*, Paul Primakoff of the University of Connecticut and his colleagues show that guinea-pigs generate antibodies against a protein called PH-20 when it is injected into their bloodstream. This protein is a vital part of fertilization in which sperm penetrate egg cells.

When a sperm cell comes into contact with the outermost membranes of the (much larger) egg cell, a whole series of chemical reactions are set off, enabling the sperm to get through the membranes and into the egg. In these re-

actions, the sperm releases a small package of enzymes to help it "digest" its way forward. It is PH-20 that controls how the sperm binds to the egg, signalling the release of the enzymes.

But antibodies previously raised against the protein prevent this, effectively making the animals completely sterile. Primakoff and colleagues show that the method is successful not only in the test-tube: they used live guinea-pigs to show that it works in the more uncertain surroundings of living tissue. The researchers compared the pregnancy rate of injected guinea-pigs with that of a control group of animals that had not been injected. Statistical predictions based on the pregnancies in the control group showed that the 25

female guinea-pigs should have borne 82 young, if the injections had had no effect, but none of the injected females became pregnant.

Because PH-20 is found in sperm and no other tissue, vaccinated female guinea-pigs ran no risk of developing side-effects due to antibodies attacking the animals' own cells. But the fact that male guinea-pigs could be injected with equal success was a surprise. The antibodies confined themselves to the sperm and did not destroy any of the surrounding male reproductive tissues. The fact that males regained fertility as the potency of the antibodies wore off was proof of the reversibility and harmlessness of the vaccination methods. This work will encourage researchers seeking to exploit

a natural phenomenon in humans. Some men and women are sterile because of immune reactions to sperm proteins, but are otherwise perfectly healthy. This immune mechanism might be developed into a contraceptive vaccine and also subvert an ethical dilemma: progress towards vaccination against a protein fertilized by fertilized eggs is much further developed, but the close parallels with abortion make this abhorrent to many people.

The PH-20 technique would get round this by acting against sperm cells alone, before fertilization. But the emphasis of the new study is on the interaction between sperm and the outer membranes of the egg, about which relatively little is known in detail in humans.

What is known is that PH-20 is rather different from analogous proteins in human sperm, so it is unlikely that human antibodies raised against it would be much use. But the main claim is to show that contraceptive vaccinations are feasible.

Henry Gee

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HEALTH

Childbirth can cause depression — and not just in the mother, reports Victoria McKee

Postnatal depression is not an exclusively feminine affliction — as psychologists are beginning to acknowledge. Childbirth can be a real headache for the father, too, and not just a headache, it is now believed, but a trigger for toothache, stomach ache, depression and full-blown postnatal psychosis.

"The Psychosis of Fatherhood" was the provocative title of a paper given at the fourth international conference of the Marce Society last month. (The Marce Society takes its name from Louis Victor Marce, who in 1858 published the first substantial treatise on mental illness in pregnancy and the puerperium, the period immediately after childbirth.)

It consisted of clinical case histories of five fathers who had become psychotic during their partner's pregnancy or after their child's birth. The author was the Italian Dr Paola Benvenuti of the University of Florence, and it was the culmination of an entire session on "Fathers and Fatherhood" — the first of its kind in the society's eight-year history.

"It's my view that this is a very neglected aspect," says Professor John Cox of Keele University, the society's president and an authority on postnatal depression. Cox, who formulated the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale — a questionnaire designed to pick up potential sufferers — says: "It's difficult to find anyone who's carried out much research into the partners of those women who are suffering from depression, although our Edinburgh survey showed that postnatal depression was associated with marital problems and sexual disorder."

Now he is attempting to organize regular fathers' groups in his "parent and baby" day hospital in Stoke-on-Trent — a pioneering step on from the traditional mother and baby clinics. "It's very difficult to get fathers together because they usually work during the day, and in the evenings they like to put their feet up — and also because men on the whole are more reluctant to talk about and share experiences than women are," Cox says. "Also, the fathers don't have in common the physical aspect of birth — they can't compare episiotomies and labours like the women do."

Through his work there he has seen a number of seriously disturbed men, and come to comprehend *covado* (the custom in some primitive societies of treating the partner of a woman giving birth as if he were having the baby), and men with phantom pregnancies, mock labour pains and a host of



Manic twinkle in a father's eye?

other psychosomatic symptoms.

"One husband developed a psychotic illness every time his wife became pregnant," Cox says by way of example. "He became manic — over-excited, elated, not sleeping, and confirmed the suspicion that the Type A career father may be particularly vulnerable" — just as high-flying career women are now thought to be more susceptible to postnatal depression.

As more and more fathers feel a desire to be part of the whole experience, and are encouraged to be in at the birth, Cox warns that they are also likely to feel "disappointed and isolated" in a system designed to cater for mothers and babies.

"The hospital system makes fathers strangers," Cox says. "Women feel alienated enough during the hospital experience, but fathers — who may have partici-

pated throughout the antenatal period and the birth — are suddenly reduced to the rank of visitors. Men don't talk about things, and they probably cope by becoming more withdrawn, which is just what the wife doesn't want at that point. She wants more support than ever, and she may misconstrue his action." He may spend more time in the pub because he is depressed about losing the wife he loves (who physically is no longer the same, and mentally may be preoccupied with the baby), or frightened of the new responsibility of fatherhood, Cox suggests — but his partner sees it as a sign of callousness.

Dr Charlie Lewis, a lecturer in developmental psychology at Reading University, believes that although men may not have the excuse of raging hormones, they can suffer very real forms of postnatal — and antenatal — illness which go

beyond the Freudian concept of womb envy.

Lewis, who presented a paper on "Fathers and Postnatal Mood Disturbance" at the conference and is the author of a book entitled *Becoming a Father* (Oxford University Press, £9.95), has done a study of a randomly selected group of 100 fathers. "One had extreme claustrophobia — he had to walk to work; another became anorexic and couldn't eat until his wife gave birth; and one man in my sample refused to have sexual intercourse with his wife for a year after the birth because he couldn't stand the thought of putting her through so much pain again."

A 1961 survey showed that very few couples wanted the father to be in at the birth, but that "progressive" obstetricians were trying to encourage them to be there. And when you study men's attendance at births it's

quite clear that many of them find themselves thrust — unwilling — into the delivery room. And then afterwards, while the mother's being taught to breastfeed and bath and change the baby, he's pushed out into the cold.

Part of the problem can be, Lewis believes, that there is no clearly defined fatherly role. "Most mothers change nappies and feed their child, but fathers can range from those who want to do everything for the baby, and fight their wives to buy the cotton wool and wipe bottoms, to those who withdraw into their work and believe fatherhood means earning more money to support their family: a common syndrome," he says. "Look how much pressure was put on the Duchess of York not to leave her baby — but no one has said a word about Andrew not being around."

The seeds of male postnatal depression can be sown shortly after conception, Lewis says, when the woman becomes the centre of attention and the man can only hover anxiously on the sidelines. "Antenatally the symptoms are most likely to be headaches, toothaches, pain around the abdomen and sensations of nausea. Postpartum the disturbance probably manifests itself as depression, tension and fatigue."

"Men have fewer support groups than women, but they do get a lot of comfort from their colleagues at work," Lewis says, "even if that support comes in the form of pints of beer at the pub."

Dr Wendy Savage of the London Hospital, who chaired a session on "The Psychological Aspects of Obstetrics" at the conference, says: "Our students have done a survey and asked men about their symptoms during their partners' pregnancies — and between 10 and 15 per cent were found to be suffering *covado*."

"I see a lot of men who suffer from being at the birth. If a man doesn't wholeheartedly want to be there, he shouldn't be forced to. Labour can be very destructive to a man. One talked about his wife's episiotomy as if it was a slash across the face of a beautiful girl. Another pattern I see repeatedly is the man unable to accept the responsibility of fatherhood. He can become morose or violent."

Even for couples who do not suffer psychosis, the birth of a child is statistically one of the greatest stress points in a relationship, ranking with death and divorce on the Richter scale of life disturbance. Cox is now working on a study comparing husbands whose wives are depressed with those whose wives are not.

"I believe that the father's relationship not only with his own father but also with his mother can play a part in determining who will react adversely to fatherhood," he says. "Just as a woman's relationship with her mother can be a factor in the way she views the birth experience."

Stress in the playground

Do children suffer as much anxiety as a stressed executive? And if so, what can parents do to help?

Anxiety, according to David Lewis, is the main reason why children do badly at school, become moody, have temper tantrums or complain of headaches and feeling tired.

"Children can suffer as much stress as a two-ulcer executive. I have children coming to see me who are suffering from burn-out," says Lewis, a doctor who specializes in anxiety and its effects on intellectual and sporting attainment.

He has for some years had a particular interest in children, and especially gifted children. He wrote *How To Be A Gifted Parent*, the title that makes every anxious parent feel even worse. To be fair, he recalls it with embarrassment. The publisher, he says, chose the title: the aim was to give some judicious advice.

Now he has written *Helping Your Anxious Child*, "to give to parents the advice I give to my clients". He provides questionnaires and tests to analyse your child's problems and relaxation and imaginative techniques to help overcome them.

"Anxiety is a form of stress," Lewis says. "But stress can be beneficial, while anxiety isn't. Schools, for example, are very stressful places. Charles Handy, at the London Business School, likened them to concentration camps in the way they are structured. Children are considered to be non-persons, there's no autonomy, and they don't understand the punishments."

Under such circumstances, Lewis says, truancy becomes a sensible option for avoiding anxiety-making situations. Fear of school is not the only anxiety; there is the fear of making friends, of competition in sport or music, or a general anxiety about trying anything new or unfamiliar.

Lewis stresses the importance of getting round the defence of avoidance: "The single most important step which any parent or teacher ever takes is

to transform an under-achieving child from the attitude of mind which says, 'I can't do...' to one of, 'I don't know how to'."

Anxious children also develop phobias. Some are common, such as a fear of spiders; others are more complicated, such as a phobia about quiet rooms or a parent.

Most of his suggestions on positive action centre on the parent's reaction to their child's failures and successes: "Reward your child for successes and do not be too critical of failures — research shows the mother's role to be critical; when she punishes failures but responds in a neutral manner to success, a fear of failure is likely."

When praising be sure that your comments are sincere and not excessive.

Reward far more than you punish — the best balance is five rewards to every punishment.

Let your child's motto be: "If a job's worth doing, it's worth doing badly." Be better to be willing to make mistakes and learn from them, than not to try at all.

Never call your child "stupid", "idle" or "lazy". Encourage children with a fear of failure to become adventurous by devising tests in which the risk of failing is not too great. Be 90 per cent sure the child will succeed.

Lewis often finds that the child can be a scapegoat for the family, the child's fears reflecting family tensions. Parents who want to help a child should first consider their own and family attitudes.

Sarah Jane Evans

Helping Your Anxious Child, by David Lewis is published by Methuen (£10.95).

Nicholas Marmaras ("Man with a golden nose", yesterday's Wednesday Page) will be appearing in Perfumed Pavilion at Selfridges today.

Lighter relief for hayfever

Ten years ago patients with hayfever or other forms of allergic rhinitis and urticarial rashes had to choose between sniffing and scratching or being cross, irritable and sleepy — the result of taking antihistamines.

Adults could hide their true mood if not their tiredness, but parents of children who suffered from allergies soon learned the reality of the side-effects of antihistamines.

The quiet night brought with a couple of teardrops of Phenargan nearly always had to be paid for the next day as they tried to amuse a fractious child who behaved as if he or she had a hangover.

By reducing mental alertness and causing tiredness, old-style antihistamines created problems for those who had to drive or look after machinery, students taking exams and those doing the dulling effect antihistamines had on the intellect. Alcohol increased these side-effects and was forbidden to anybody who was taking antihistamines.

The introduction of two new anti-

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttford

Antihistamines in the early 1980s, Trüman and Hismamal, revolutionized the outlook — patients could play a round of golf without getting hayfever and afterwards even enjoy a pint at the 19th without falling asleep. The new antihistamines did not cross into the brain to the same extent as the older ones so that patients were neither sleepy nor intellectually dulled. They could drive, or even fly while taking them.

This month the manufacturers of Trüman and Hismamal have seen Allen and Hanbury's launch a potential rival, Zirtek, ceterizine, into this lucrative market. Most of the research has been done abroad but a British trial by Dr Andrew Duffin-Jones in a rural practice in Wales has been encouraging.

Although the trial was not large enough to give conclusive evidence, both doctors and patients tended to favour Zirtek over other antihistamines. They found that although it was no less effective, the side-effects were even less than with other antihistamines and that the patients remained alert with a fast reaction time.

The patients welcomed having to take one tablet each evening rather than the standard twice a day dose. Zirtek was well tolerated and there seemed to be little tachyphylaxis, ie, the beneficial effects of taking it persisted and did not wear off after the treatment had been continuing for a time.

As with other antihistamines used in the treatment of hayfever, Zirtek should be taken early in the season because the longer the symptoms have been established the harder it is to alleviate them. Zirtek is also indicated in the treatment of urticaria, allergic nettle rash; Dr J. Rihoux has reported successful results from a trial carried out in Belgium.

Fatal dates

A few years ago a research worker traced the later career and death of former editors of the *Times of India*.

He found the dates of death tended to cluster round important milestones in the journalists' lives. They were more likely to have died after birthdays which had had some significance, their 80th, for instance, rather than their 77th. The editors, the doctor felt, were a useful group to follow as they tended, during Britain's imperial past, to have come from one social background and to have had a reasonably uniform lifestyle.

In *The Lancet*, sociologists from California reported recently on a similar investigation into the dates of death of Jewish patients around the time of Passover and compared them to non-Jewish deaths at the same time. Passover is part religious and part a social gathering and the celebration is apparently much looked forward to, particularly by the men, who play a larger part than women. As with the editors, so with the Californians, people with an unambiguously Jewish name: the date of death is influenced by the calendar. The Californian research has shown that the thought of the pleasures of

the religious and family occasion kept the Jewish men alive until after Passover. Death was strikingly down in the week before the festival, correspondingly up in the week afterwards. This was particularly noticeable when Passover fell on weekends with larger family numbers. Statistics would suggest that Jewish women have perhaps always had mixed feelings about Passover, possibly because of their secondary role in the ceremony, or because any family gathering means extra work for the women. There was no difference in the female death rate in the Jewish community before or after the ceremony.

Sleeping safely

Doctors and mothers are divided as to how babies should be put in their cots. In highly specialized hospital units babies are usually placed face down as science has shown that they can breathe more easily in that position. Babies in these units are constantly watched by nurses and doctors and never left unattended, the mattresses have been carefully chosen and there are unlikely to be pillows on which a baby could suffocate. The fear of suffocation on a mattress which is too soft, or on an impervious pillow, is so

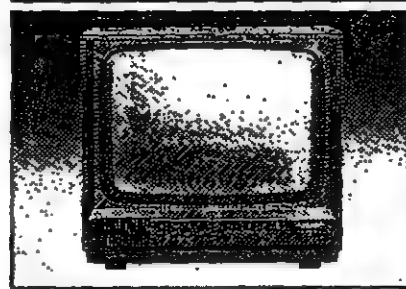
intense that it has prompted other doctors to suggest that babies should always be laid in the cot face up. This position is now so well favoured by some authorities in Holland that television time has been taken to recommend it. But it has the disadvantage that if the baby is sick it may inhale its own vomit. Professor John Emery, Emeritus Professor of Paediatrics at Sheffield University, who as the father of seven children has had experience in the home as well as the ward, has written to *The Lancet* questioning the evidence for the supposition that the position the baby sleeps in is an important factor in a third of cot deaths, as has been claimed. He feels it would be a pity if mothers were made to feel guilty for their child's death when all they did was follow the advice of a high-powered paediatrician and place their baby in the cot face down. Professor Emery's family were always put in their cots in the way which seems to be the natural compromise, and the one favoured by many GPs, on their sides. In this position babies can neither suffocate nor choke on possessed milk. The mother can also see the baby's face easily. Professor Emery feels that British parents should emulate the Hong Kong Chinese, with their low rate of cot deaths, by repeatedly looking at their child's face. In Britain, he says, babies are too often put away in a quiet room.

Bitter pills

Miss Tessa Dahl was taken to hospital recently suffering from acute oesophagitis. It is reported that she was swallowing pills to slip neatly down into the stomach but, as happens to many pills or tablets taken when the patient is hunched up, slowly melted in the oesophagus, the gullet, where it eroded the mucosal lining. The pain which this can cause can be almost as severe and have a similar distribution to that caused by a coronary thrombosis. Fortunately, it usually subsides with standard treatment in a day or two. When doctors tell patients that some antibiotics (Vibramycin, doxycycline, is a frequent offender) should be taken standing up and washed down with copious swigs of water they always think that either the advice is an example of the latest piece of medical mumbo-jumbo or an obscure joke. Miss Dahl could correct them. If possible, all tablets should be taken either standing or sitting upright. Not only will local irritation of the oesophagus be avoided but they will also be absorbed more quickly. A sleeping pill taken when the patient is standing will usually act twice as quickly than one taken when lying in bed.

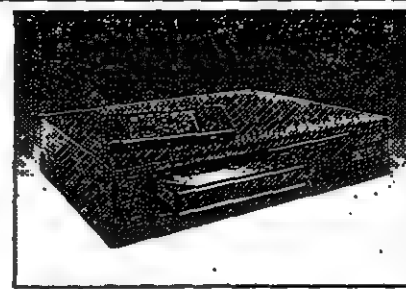
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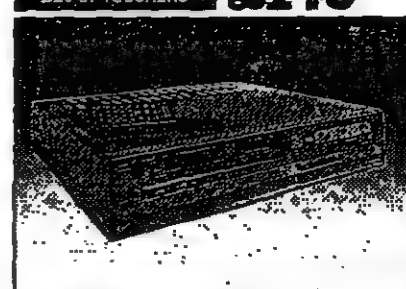
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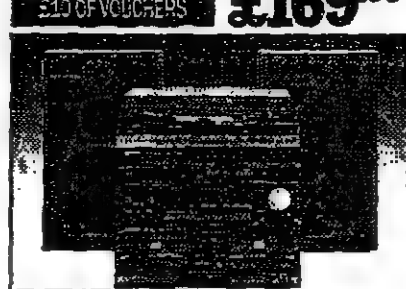
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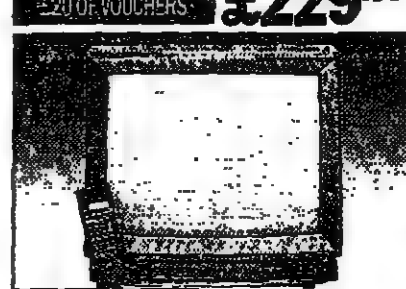
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TIMES DIARY

ALAN COREN

On a Monday, as literary coincidence would have it, the fog rolled about Norfolk with fog's habitual inconsistency, unsettled and - given my mission - unsettling. I drove the A11 as in an aeroplane negotiating cloud: there would be wet walls of the stuff, then floating disconnected lumps, then sudden dazzling lacunae, sun above and a thick white sea beneath, full of legless crows bobbing about like inflatable swimming toys. Rare human strollers loomed, and stared, and vanished. Just the day for prisons. Magwitch was out there somewhere, looking for livers.

Wayland Prison lies in the fenny featurelessness between Thetford and Watton, though you would be pushed to spot it as such. Coyness requires the smallest signpost to read H.M.P. Wayland, as if it were some shore-based training establishment full of midshipmen practising semaphore. Not that appearances altogether gainsay that guess. Wayland is a mere three years old and architecturally a produce of the New Municipalism: at first sight, the low redbrick blocks could be a comprehensive school run by an enlightened Tory administration whose first progressive act had been to bung a 17-foot-high steel mesh fence around it. As it were, H.M.C. Boyson. But if, as you approach the gate, you cock an ear, you know this could never be a school. Wayland is silent. There are 480 detainees, and you do not hear a sound. In fog, it is unquestionably eerie.

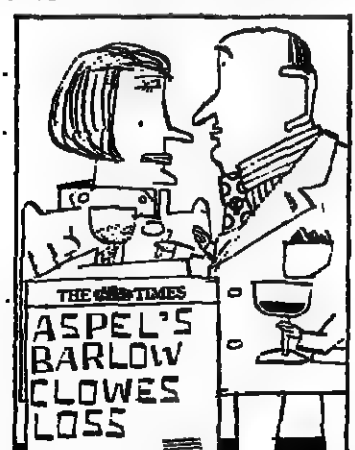
The fog irritates everyone. The prisoners cannot go out on working parties because of the risk of their staying out. Thus, routine is the best, the fog is not thick enough to obscure the fence, because that might disturb the routine even more. How, you might ask if you were as naive as I, does a man scale a flexible 17 foot fence? The answer is that we do not know the next method. We know only the last method. The last method, a few weeks back, was to take a seemingly-innocent table-tennis net, twist it into a hawser and bung one end at the fence so that the support-clip grappled the top. Send us a postcard when you get to Switzerland, Skipper!

A prison officer mutters: "Everything in here is a key. You can use them looking at everything - a spoon, a bar of soap, a jar of bloody marmalade - and trying to work out how they can use it." Beneath this growl, as in almost any observation officers make about prisoners, an irritable respect lurks. It is a respect for cunning. Cunning is not much prized outside, because to be really effective cunning requires conspiracy, and, ironically, confinement is the friend of conspiracy. The result, in terms of the social environment, is most peculiar: to the civilian, the atmosphere is one of total and permanent suspicion. Everybody watches everybody else all the time. I inquire as to whether all this hard eye-contact makes the officers feel uncomfortable, and learn, of course, that they get a lot more uncomfortable when it suddenly stops.

My invitation to Wayland was generated some weeks ago in this very column by an incautiously flip remark concerning the number of men to a slop-bucket, whereafter I was quite properly asked to come and see for myself. But how properly is properly? The invitation was couched in a letter so shimmeringly stylish, so joyously witty, and so adroitly interlarded with arcane references to Congreve, Himmeler, Musselman cuisine and our own dear Bernard Levin, that the eagerness with which I accepted it had less to do with a hunger to inspect the plumbing than with a curiosity to find out why the signatory had chosen to be a prison officer rather than take a crack at the Booker.

But when we met at the gate and I congratulated him, he confessed he had not written it, merely, such as Her Majesty's regulations, signed it. The invitation had been composed by a prisoner - not inappropriately, one currently being entertained for fraud. Like Cyrano, he had wooed me under cosmetic cover, like Roxanne's, my flinty heart wilted at the poignancy, even as the prisoner and I cackled over the daftness of it all. I met him in the chapel - he is also two dab hands at the piano - where he was accompanying a young 'violinist, and I could not forbear from wondering what they were both doing inside. Several years, was the short answer.

BARRY FANTONI



'Poor Miss, he obviously wasn't chatting to the right people'

It would be improper to call it waste, but in a world woefully short of creative talent, it is disturbing to read the words, hear the music, see the paintings, handle the sculptures of Wayland's talented inmates, and to ponder the use of the experience as a matrix for the world beyond the fence. Can it be that criminals are more creative than their respectable peers? Or is it rather that creativity would express itself more generously if only the rest of us were, as one might say, given time to explore it?

The day-tripper should take care. The food is good, the cells are singles, the beds are clean, and the buckets have indeed been replaced by individual flushers. Those of us who have promised ourselves for thirty years that they would get down to the novel if only they could find a bit of breathing-space might well find themselves wondering if the table-tennis stunt works from the outside in.

Paris
The Fifth Republic of France celebrates its 30th anniversary this week, an occasion studiously unmarked by official celebrations and, in all probability, quite unknown to the vast majority of those who live under its constitution.

Perhaps that is a reflection of the durability and *souplesse* of a document drawn up in a rush during the tense summer months of 1958. At the time, with crisis threatening in Algeria, General de Gaulle had left no doubt about what he wanted: "Keep it short and keep it vague" he instructed those scribbling on the draft (an intriguing echo of Napoleon on the same topic). Three decades, four presidents and five careful modifications later, few would dispute that France is a more stable and mature democracy under what one commentator recently described as "this superb mechanism".

In place of the revolving door governments of the Fourth Republic with their average life span of six months, the French now have a constitution that has proved itself to be so much to their liking that they refrain from increasing numbers from voting in most of the elections for which it provides. Yet to some observ-

ers here, these mass abstentions provide a timely warning, a storm signal that the country ignores at its peril. For them, the very strength and much admired adaptability of the institutions created by de Gaulle's Fifth Republic - sometimes sacrosanct as the revenge of the executive on the legislature - is remorselessly stifling *la société politique*.

Addressing the problem in *Le Monde* the other day, Alain Duhamel argued that every aspect of French political life has been diminished. Parliament and the traditional parties, pressure groups and the media, mass movements: all have been reduced, he claimed, to strictly walk-on parts in the running of the country. The "elasticity" of a system which coped with two years of uneasy power sharing under the Socialist presidency of François Mitterrand and the conservative government of Jac-

ques Chirac merely underlines the extent to which the Elysée Palace and the Hôtel Matignon (the prime minister's residence) now reign supreme.

The sharp decline of the French Parliament under the Fifth Republic, in terms both of shrinking influence on affairs of state and the abysmal standing of most deputies in the public eye, has been all too evident. The new president of the National Assembly (and former Socialist prime minister), Laurent Fabius, acknowledged as much in an interview this week, warning of the risk that *la démocratie* was under threat from what he pointedly described as "authoritarianism".

While Parliament remains the "beating heart" of the system, Fabius observed, vital issues affecting the nation were increasingly being diverted from its consideration for examination by government-appointed com-

missions and panels of outside experts.

"I'm convinced that we can and should deal with such major questions," he concluded: one of the reforms he most favours is more regular and tougher grilling of cabinet ministers, most of whom would turn white at the thought of facing question time in the Commons. That and a better attendance record - live TV coverage shows the tiers of empty seats at the average session of the Assembly - would help to restore the deputy in the public's estimation.

Meanwhile, back at the Elysée, why the chilly indifference to the constitution's 30th birthday? Five years ago, after all, Chirac threw a splendid 25th anniversary party at the *maison de Paris* for 1,000 guests to demonstrate their abiding affection for the country's political institutions. Someone asked Mitterrand about this the other day: "Last

year it was the 29th anniversary" came the terse reply. Perhaps France's finest exponent of political *souplesse* prefers not to be reminded of his bitter criticism of the Fifth Republic in its infancy. The "permanent coup d'état" he once denounced with such vehemence in the era of parliamentary subservience to President de Gaulle apparently worries President Mitterrand rather less today.

As it happens, French television viewers with an interest in their own society will soon be offered a timely reminder of the turbulent events of 1958, in an episode from a series based on a new book about General de Gaulle.

Its account of the way in which the making of the new constitution came about has already been challenged fiercely by his son, Admiral Philippe de Gaulle. According to him, it is "inexact" to say that his father had seized

power from the Socialist government of the day.

"I was involved then... and I remember having seen Guy Mollet (the prime minister) and others begging my father to intervene to avert a civil war," he told *Le Figaro*. The minister of the interior, he claimed, had gone so far as to cordon off the General's home village of Colombey in case he did a vanishing trick. Some coup, huh?

But does it really matter how France came by the constitution drawn up for de Gaulle and subsequently approved by 80 per cent of voters? For all the legitimate concern over the imbalance of executive and legislative power, the atrophy of traditional political life, it still appears to please most of the people most of the time (could cohabitation ever have succeeded otherwise?).

Let us leave the last word to one of chief architects of the Fifth Republic, Raymond Janot, who recalls with unabashed glee how the "experts" of the day insisted it could never work. "Yet here we are, the constitution functions, it is established and it is here to stay." The reason: "Because we have seen that it can respond to the needs of our society."

Philip Jacobson reflects on 30 years of France's Fifth Republic

Liberty, equality, elasticity

Bernard Levin

Why bare these old bones?



I never met Antonia White, the novelist, nor have I read any of her books. But I know a great deal about her, and practically all of it is pathetic, repulsive, or both. Who has been thus peering into my ears, describing the awfulness of her personal and family life, counting her toyboy lovers, hinting that she was deranged?

Well, actually, the answer is: her daughters. Both of them have written books about their mother, and both paint her, not always accusingly, and sometimes quite unconsciously, as a monster. I do not propose to go into details, because the nature of Antonia White and her relationship with her children are not my theme, and also because anyone who wants the lot can get it from their books, the second of which has just been published.

But hot on its heels comes the news of the last-minute withdrawal from publication of the autobiography of Margery Hurst, who founded and built up the well-known employment agency called The Brook Street Bureau. The publishers say the book was withdrawn "at the family's request", and it seems that there is discussion within the family concerning the account of the ending of Mrs Hurst's marriage. Which reminds me - one of the reviewers of the more recent Antonia White biography recalls "the corrosive rage of Colin MacInnes in writing of his mother Angela Thirkell".

With all that and much more, here is my question: what has become of reformation? How did it come about, and when, that if you hated, or were hated by, your father or your sister or your spouse or your entire family, it was deemed proper for you to write a book about it at the moment your victims or tormentors were dead, and frequently while they were still alive.

Take that programme, *In The Psychiatrist's Chair*, in which Dr Anthony Clare questions and talks with a succession of "pa-

tients". I find the entire programme, and indeed the very idea of it, quite repellent, but it must be said that there is no deception as to what is to happen, and that Dr Clare, of course, does not hector or bully his subjects, but indeed handles them with tact and sympathy. (I must add that I do not consider those elements enough to justify such penny-in-the-slot psychiatry.) Anyway, not long since, Claire Rayner broke down on the programme, and again the family details poured out into the nation's laps.

Do you suppose there is anywhere in the land a family without even the tiniest skeleton rattling gently away in the cupboard? Has there ever been a home in which there was no resentment, no hurt, no jealousy, no darkness? Does anybody grow up without some warp, some wound? I, too, come from a "broken home", which has certainly left me with enduring emotional problems, and if it comes to that, my life-long arachnophobia was not caught from eating a bad oyster. But you will find no details of any of that in even my most personal and autobiographical writings. We all recognize, in one way or another, the truth in Philip Larkin's most famous poem:

They fuck you up, your mum and dad.
They may not mean to, but they do.
They fill you with the faults they had,
And add some extra, just for you.

But why do so many deem it necessary to tell the world, instead of a trusted friend or - privately - a psychiatrist, about those faults and what their effect has been? And it is by no means only the family laundry that is washed in public today. The fashion for kiss-and-tell now prevails everywhere. Autobiographers think it no shame to record, with names and details, their past liaisons,

though the partners may still be living and long since happily married; some writers no doubt ask permission to reveal the past, and some no doubt fail to, but for me to suggest that they might omit such matter altogether will be accounted very comical.

"Let it all hang out" is the idiot catchword of our day, and if you have the good fortune to come from a family with a drug-addicted mother, a sadistic father, a transvestite brother, an alcoholic sister, a lunatic aunt, a paedophilic uncle, a venerably diseased dog, and a first cousin

who bare their secrets, to say nothing of their private parts (as - most amusing! - they used to be called), are not even doing it for something as healthy as cash: the primary impulse, as far as I can see, is revenge, and the secondary self-justification.

I believe it is true, though my claim is hotly contested, that wherever you wish to go, you must start from where you are. Whichever damage was done to us in our childhood, we cannot demand a fresh hand from the dealer; our lives are lived forward, and it is a waste of time for

us to attempt to rewrite the past. In particular, it is a waste of time for us to do so in the second meaning of the phrase - that is, to falsify the record in an attempt to untie the knot that was tangled forever so long ago.

Was Antonia White like that? Obviously, I don't know; less obviously, neither do her daughters. But my ignorance is due to my not being there; theirs is due to the fact that they were there.

If they could have an advance peek at the Recording Angel's embargoed account, they would be astonished, indignant and - above all - incredulous. Even in the simplest and least charged matters, we all have vivid and totally convincing pictures of youthful experiences which we subsequently learn, by irrefragable evidence, never happened; how much more distorted must our memories be when they concern the deepest and most tender parts of the psyche.

The evil that men do, a wise writer once said, lives after them; the good, he added, is off-interfered with their bones. He may not have had today's autobiographers in mind, but he got their number very exactly. For what is the new cult of frankness in which if you hated your parents you rush into print to say so, if not a kind of monstrous vanity? "Look what they did to me", it says, "to me, to ME, ME, ME!!!!!!"

Of course, it is disguised, and not least self-disguised from the teller, as exorcism; tell the world why you put rat-poison in your grandmother's nightly cup of hot milk, only to see the cat lap it up and roll over, and you will feel better. Judging from White's daughters, to feel a hell of a lot better. The best thing I know about the present, Speaker of the House of Commons is that he has given a public and unambiguous promise never to write his memoirs. Let us hope he starts a fiction.

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Commentary • RONALD BUTT

Labour's social challenge

It is a basic law of political history that the achievements of the defeated are not to be measured solely in terms of their failure to attain their own desired ends. Their real success, for which they receive no reward and little acknowledgement, lies in the extent to which the strength of support for their case has forced their opponents to modify their own attitudes as the price of victory.

In the turmoil of contemporary politics the contribution of the defeated is harder to recognize than it is in the calmer hindsight of history. Surveying the fragments of the shattered Alliance parties, it must be difficult for even the most optimistic adherents of Mr Ashdown or Dr Owen to see more than a waste of effort in shameful and needless division.

Yet what has been happening to Labour in Blackpool this week is in many ways the outcome of the efforts of the defunct Alliance. The defection of the Social Democrats from Labour and the formation of an Alliance, which for a moment achieved almost parity with the major traditional parties of right and left, was crucial and decisive evidence that Labour, thrice defeated, was unelectable unless reformed.

It became clear that to be elected, Labour must become itself something like a social democratic party, challenging the Conservatives with the battery of social concern and collective action by the community to put wrongs right, but one which also respected the individual, acknowledged the need for private endeavour and enterprise and did not intend the subordination of the individual to the state. Not least, it must be recognized as a patriotic party

acknowledging its duty to defend the nation realistically.

Mr Kinnock's speech to the Labour Conference was a declaration of intent to make Labour such a party, and one which was not willing to see its ideal of social justice frustrated by a commitment to means which the majority of the people will not accept. His declaration that Labour would work with and not against market forces and his statement that there was no conflict between concern for the individual and commitment to collective provision to safeguard the individual is in effect a social democratic prescription.

It is, of course, a doctrine which rings discordantly in the ears of the Labour left. They base their case for collective action on the need to intervene on behalf of individuals who need support, but in practice they pitch their intervention at a level which diminishes the scope of the individual to take care of himself and discriminates by politically-motivated social engineering to promote favoured groups and causes by waste of public money. It was inevitable that the reflex actions of the old left will kick against the new realism: hence Ron Todd's outburst. Hence too Mr Tony Benn's claim to the conference yesterday that Labour does best when the left is respected, and his re-statement of the traditional socialist dogma: "You cannot control what you do not own". It was a reminder of the essential nature of Labour's problem: that control is the cornerstone of the creed which moves the heart of traditional socialists and so often in practice diminishes the individual by putting power in the hands of small groups of "party democrats" wishing to reshape

society in the light of their class obsession.

Thus to this day the so-called moderate Mr Hattersley declares on television that it is his personal wish to abolish independent schools. Socialists complain that the proportion of children from independent schools who get to universities is too high compared with that from state schools. It does not occur to them that if the working-class child is disadvantaged, it is by the egalitarian teaching fads and structural changes forced on state schools by the left which has led to the abolition of grammar schools, through which able working-class children could more easily attain their potential.

Yet, though he is handicapped by the old reflexes of his party, Mr Kinnock is on the way to evolving a powerful appeal to the nation which represents a serious potential threat to Mrs Thatcher. When he ridicules her espousal of the "green" cause on the ground that pollution is the consequence of insufficiently controlled market forces; when Labour speakers claim (as Mr Benn did when he yesterday blamed Pter Alpha and Zecheburg on market forces) that there are areas in which market forces need greater control in the common interest; when Labour revisionism justifies the public ownership of control of nuclear and other utilities on these grounds, he is making a case which has potential non-socialist appeal.

When he says that social justice is as necessary for efficiency as efficiency is for social justice and when he speaks of the concern that those who are not themselves poor feel about poverty and social division, Mr

Kinnock is appealing to feelings which are by no means confined to committed Labour supporters. The same is true when he denounces tax cuts which have redistributed resources from the poorer sections of society. Above all, he strikes a chord when he denounces Mrs Thatcher for saying that there is no such thing as society.

Though her purpose was to stress the truth that all responsibility ultimately comes back to the individual, the fact remains that there is such a thing as society which both shares and generates attitudes and which determines concepts of social responsibility. It does not do for Conservatives even to seem to doubt it. Man is a social creature. Likewise, there is no abstract concept, even that of the market, which does not require some qualification. Conservative thinking under Mrs Thatcher's leadership has rightly been driven by the belief that the market is the best means of providing wealth for society as well as for the individual. But the market can be flawed by self-interest which is why it needs regulation. It is also why, for instance, it is right to question the extent to which industry can be judged in its own case in the matter of "green politics" and why Labour may well seem to have a powerful argument when it raises the question of the public interest in respect of industrial utilities.

Thanks to the threat from the centre, Mr Kinnock and his party are learning. But they themselves in turn are on the way to producing (if the left does not stop them) a message which challenges Mrs Thatcher, and she has to respond to it, starting from next week.

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Eleanora Duse (1858-1924), who had first appeared at the age of four in a production of *Les Misérables*, visited Britain on a number of occasions. She was particularly associated with the works of the poet and dramatist Gabriele D'Annunzio (1863-1938); but she was also praised for her roles in the plays of Henrik Ibsen.

ADELPHI THEATRE

Like the true artist that she is, Eleanora Duse declines all praise for applause. Is there any other actress of her rank who would consent to make an unobtrusive and entirely "unprepared" entrance upon the scene at the rise of the curtain, as Signora Duse does in *La Gioconda*? English audiences are not accustomed to modesty of this kind, and the consequence was that one of the greatest - if not the very greatest - of living actresses was received last night, on making her reappearance before the London public, in dead silence. There was a sense of chill in the atmosphere. Even before the curtain rose, Signora Duse had been treated with childlike - to be no harsher word - by the Examiner of Plays, who had declined to let her present *La Città Morta*. The hasty substitution of *La Gioconda* was not the happiest of thoughts. Though the play has some dramatic moments, these have to be paid for by some tedious quarters of an hour. It is a play, too, that postulates a sympathy for the "artistic temperament" and the vagaries of that temperament, not very readily afforded by an Anglo-Saxon audience. It invites us to investigate the "true innermost" of a sculptor and the nature of his inspiration; and a feeling for the sculptor's art is, as Cosimo Dello would say, "a costume Dello" in this country. Again, many of the

people present can have had little, if any, knowledge of the language to which they were listening - a serious drawback to the enjoyment of any play by Gabrielle D'Annunzio, whose indolgent language for its own sake borders on the outer edge of the unreasonable. From one cause and another, then, Signora Duse played last night to a somewhat cold house. Though there was applause at each fall of the curtain, loud and repeated applause, it had a touch of the perfunctory.

But the great point, the all-important point, is that Signora Duse has returned to us the same exquisite creature that we know. "To non sono," says Gioconda Danti, speaking of the sculptor whom she inspires and serves, "non uno strumento dell'arte sua"; and "instrument of art" is the very description for Eleanora Duse - an instrument of the most vibrant under the most delicate touch, the faintest breath. So delicate are many of her effects - fleeting shades of facial expression, timid little arrested gestures - that even in a theatre no larger than the Adelphi they run the risk of passing unperceived. To make matters worse, in all acts last night she was behind the stage very dimly lit. It was not until the third act, then - the two scenes between the word - by the Examiner of Plays, who had declined to let her present *La Città Morta*. The hasty substitution of *La Gioconda* was not the happiest of thoughts. Though the play has some dramatic moments, these have to be paid for by some tedious quarters of an hour. It is a play, too, that postulates a sympathy for the "artistic temperament" and the vagaries of that temperament, not very readily afforded by an Anglo-Saxon audience. It invites us to investigate the "true innermost" of a sculptor and the nature of his inspiration; and a feeling for the sculptor's art is, as Cosimo Dello would say, "a costume Dello" in this country. Again, many of the



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FIGURE OF SPEECH

To the Labour leadership, the speech by Mr Ron Todd on Tuesday night is, officially, a "diversion". It is merely the latest addition to the long list of diversionary tactics by their opponents — like the challenge for the top jobs by Mr Benn, Mr Heffer and Mr Prescott which was beaten back earlier in the week.

The use of the euphemism is understandable. While outrage against Mr Todd came publicly from fellow trade unionists, most notably Mr Gavin Laird of the Engineers, the pro-leadership politicians — with the brave exception of Mr Jack Straw — had to be more private in their pique.

Neither Mr Kinnock nor Mr Hattersley dares too loudly or too specifically to abuse the boss of the Transport and General Workers' Union. Without Mr Todd, Mr Hattersley would be Deputy Leader of the Labour Party no longer.

Without Mr Todd, Mr Kinnock would be crippled by a new Deputy with whom he had publicly stated his unwillingness to work. He would also stand no chance of achieving any contentious part of his policy review.

Euphemism is fine in politics — but only as long as it does not become self-delusion. Today this "diversion", is due to deliver 1.25 million conference votes on Labour's defence policy. A fudged and mostly meaningless motion, manufactured in the hope that Mr Todd might give his nod of assent to it, awaits a formal verdict which is certain to be negative.

The TGWU is set to be joined by four other unions with left-wing leaders in an attempt to block a statement which merely leaves the leadership's defence options open. His close ally, Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, is unlikely to let him down. More than two million votes, almost half the combined trade union block vote of 5.5 million will be thrown behind the unilateralist policy that makes Labour so unappealing to the electorate.

Around the Blackpool bars can be found any number of explanations for Mr Todd's present obstreperousness. He is said to feel that

wielders of smaller block votes are given consideration by Mr Kinnock which is his own right and due. When he invoked the spirit of Mr Frank Cousins in his speech, it was not only his predecessor's unilateralism that he had in mind, but his place of honour in a Labour Cabinet. A well-timed invitation for Mr Todd to the leader's suite might have worked wonders, it is said.

Others point out that the TGWU must be seen as a house divided. Its executive is dominated by the union left, the conference delegation by what (in another act of euphemism) passes for its right. In time — or, to be precise, when he faces re-election in 1990 — Mr Todd has to be able to face both: the second with a re-elected Roy Hattersley, the first with yesterday's turmoil for Mr Kinnock.

So the justifications run and run. Some even think that the speech was making a serious contribution to Labour thinking and that between the flawed visions of Bennism and Gouldism lies a traditional brand of socialism in modern wrapping — Toddism.

But out in the real world, where Labour fortunes will be won or lost, senior trade union leaders of the centre and right are wondering how long all this can continue. If any good is to come to them from this public relations fiasco, it will be a boost for the campaign that the trade union block vote be decisively reformed on the way to being phased out completely.

Mr Bill Jordan, President of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, whose affiliation this year of 130,000 fewer members still gives him a combined block vote of 670,000, is one of those who accepts that the block vote has failed to reflect the views of the members. In his view it should be phased out as soon as the party has increased its membership of individual trade unionists through the cut-price membership scheme adopted earlier this week.

Mr Jordan is one of those whose closeness to Mr Kinnock is so resented by Mr Todd. But he is the right man for the Labour leader to listen to.

MUBARAK'S LONG MARCH

When President Anwar Sadat was assassinated by Islamic fundamentalists seven years ago today, he left Egypt at peace with Israel but much at war with itself. To his successor, President Hosni Mubarak, he bequeathed a complex of problems requiring a talent for persuasive leadership which the dour air force commander was not thought to possess. With the benefit of hindsight, the new President's abilities were underestimated.

The first problem he faced was internal security. This was exacerbated by opposition among Egypt's intelligentsia to the peace with Israel and the spreading influence of Khmeini-style Islamic fervour among the poor. He has tackled this, on balance, with foresight.

Fundamentalist opposition waits in the wings to capitalize on the Government's failures, but Mr Mubarak has had the sense to bring political activity in Egypt, above ground. Egypt remains vulnerable to riots, strikes and militant Islam; but it was at least deemed safe yesterday, albeit within the shelter of the Military Academy, to hold the parade commemorating the 1973 Egyptian crossing of the Suez Canal — the first since Sadat's death.

The second problem Mr Mubarak faced was Egypt's almost complete diplomatic isolation in the Arab world, a by-product of the Camp David agreement of 1979. Here, he has triumphed. Egypt's isolation is now a thing of the past.

The President was aided by the mainstream Arab world's recognition that it needed Egypt back in the fold to counter Iran's destabilizing influence in the Middle East, but the achievement is none the less his. It was he who initiated the reconciliation with the PLO, and he who achieved reintegration into the Arab world without compromising either the Camp David accord, or relations with the United States and Western Europe.

The third problem bequeathed to President Mubarak, of which bread riots in Cairo had

given an intimation even in Sadat's lifetime, was a set of unsustainable economic policies based on heavy borrowing, an overvalued currency and massive subsidies. The economy remains President Mubarak's tripwire. Egypt's debt is now, at \$44 billion, four times that of Sadat's day, and would be much higher without more than \$2 billion a year in US aid.

Most of that aid, however, is cancelled out by the subsidies which Mr Mubarak insists can be phased out only slowly. These subsidies are at the centre of Egypt's dispute with the International Monetary Fund, whose officials arrive in Cairo later this month for what promise to be acrimonious negotiations.

Mr Mubarak claims that he has embarked on economic reforms. He has raised some agricultural prices to encourage Egypt's farmers, freed the exchange rate system, and raised the price of gas and some manufactures. The result is sharply rising inflation, considerable popular discontent, and no resolution of the quarrel with the IMF and other donors who insist that these measures are insufficient.

Certainly, reform of a system which sells electricity at a quarter of its production cost cannot be postponed, or kept at the superficial level. Mrs Thatcher's sympathy and respect for Mubarak the politician did not enlist her to his side against the IMF during his recent visit to London, although he claims to have found more sympathy in Paris and Bonn. But the storm signals are up in Egypt.

A million graduates, deprived of once-guaranteed jobs in the government bureaucracy by reforms could join militant students on the streets when the universities reopen. If President Mubarak bites the IMF bullet, prompt assistance should be forthcoming. It is in the West's interest to remember how far he has come, not just how far he has to go; and to consider what would be lost if the man prematurely written off as ineffectual in 1981 were to be forced from office.

SHAREHOLDERS ABROAD

The Government is probably right to require the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) to divest itself of a large part of its holding in British Petroleum. Practically everything else about this sorry episode is at best unfortunate, at worst incompetent.

The solid core of sense underlying Lord Young's decision is that a Kuwaiti holding of 21.6 per cent in BP is likely to reduce competition in the international oil market. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) has rightly considered the question of competition not just in a narrow national sense — where BP is already a dominant company — but in terms of the market worldwide. Some loss of independence for BP would leave plenty of competitors but it would extend the reach of Opec's cartel and so reduce the area of the industry in which market forces have free play.

This argument has been buttressed with speculation about the likelihood of non-Opec reserves becoming proportionately less important during the 1990s and Opec's market power therefore increasing. Although the MMC concedes that predicting trends in the oil industry is an inexact science, it almost certainly underestimates the incentive to find new reserves which rising prices would provide. In assessing the public interest much weight is also given to the "strategic importance" of the oil industry and BP's place in it. This is an argument with a lamentable history of cloak-and-dagger protectionism.

The Commission's whole argument is predicated on the view that a holding of 21.6 per cent constitutes a quasi-merger. A holding of this size undoubtedly allows a shareholder to exercise influence, but to conclude that a stake of little more than one-fifth can be anti-competitive is debatable even if rulings on this basis have occurred before. The Commission also points to the size of the stake, which is currently about 12 times the next largest

holding. But there are many other companies whose share registers are not dissimilar, though none as big as BP.

The major failure, however, has been one of communication. When the Government sold its BP holding at the time of the stock market crash a year ago, the Kuwait Investment Office could be forgiven for thinking that it had done the Government a good turn by picking up the stock which suddenly no one else wanted. There was some irony in the fact that the attempt to widen share ownership had ended with a major stake being taken by a foreign power. At the time, however, the Government did not seem displeased.

As the KIO proceeded to increase its holding, the Government grew alarmed and made efforts to warn the Kuwaitis off. These were made partly through diplomatic channels and partly in face to face talks with ministers. For whatever reason, however, the KIO did not take them seriously.

Such misunderstandings between foreigners and the British authorities have occurred before. When American banks first began to arrive in the City in large numbers they took a little time to get used to the light regulatory touch of the Bank of England which some of them initially mistook for laxity. The circumstances of the KIO investment in BP may be very different, but it would have been better for all concerned if the Government had been able to enforce its will at an earlier stage.

As it is, a foreign power which has traditionally been well disposed towards Britain finds itself with a potential loss of £350 million, and the Government, however unfairly, looks as though it is indulging in protectionism quite at odds with its general philosophy. The Government may need to reinforce the message of this piece of competition case law with some clear reminders of its policy parameters.

Call for science to speak out

From Sir Walter Bodmer, FRS
Sir, Your leader (October 4) is right to draw attention to aspects of the Prime Minister's recent speech to the Royal Society which otherwise may have been overlooked by many who will merely have read summarised Press accounts of its content.

Whilst her statements on the environment are of continuing interest to us all, her remarks on the structure and financing of scientific research are of at least comparable importance.

Support for science from the Prime Minister is most welcome, and brings hope that the effective cuts forced upon science by the Government may yet be eased. The British Association has long been concerned that insufficient public attention has been given to these matters, and it has recently substantially increased its efforts to encourage such attention.

You suggest that politicians and other informed lay people — and, by implication, the general public — have a duty to take a more active part in deciding priorities in basic science. Whilst we believe strongly that the general public and their representatives should understand much more about science and its implications, the nature of scientific discovery precludes the setting of rigid priorities in basic science by public consensus.

This can be done only by those actively involved in the scientific process, based on their professional assessment of what is exciting and novel. The scientists themselves, however, must be much more ready than they have been in the past to discuss the implications of their work publicly, to get them to do this is an important objective of the British Association.

Yours faithfully,
WALTER BODMER
(Immediate Past-President),
The British Association for the Advancement of Science,
23 Savile Row, W1.

Stores in Salisbury

From Mr Robert Key, MP for Salisbury (Conservative)
Sir, Last year a public inquiry was held in Salisbury into a proposal by speculative developers to erect an out-of-town grocery superstore on virgin waste-meadows; another view of Salisbury Cathedral would have been blotted out by development.

The local authority had resisted the temptation of a so-called "planning gain" in the shape of a new bridge over the river Avon. They had already lost an appeal (with costs) against them to a retail chain which will now build a grocery store on very scarce industrial land.

Many of us who treasure our city are therefore delighted that the Secretary of State for the Environment has rejected the advice of his inspector, and will reopen this inquiry to fully examine the impact of both the proposed stores on the vitality and viability of Salisbury city centre as a whole.

I hope this marks a sea change in his department's attitude to development which is not consumer-led. Is this the beginning of the end of building speculators enticing grocery chains into out-of-town battles where the only winners are those in it for a quick profit?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT KEY,
House of Commons.

No pass, no comment

From Mr F. J. E. Hurst
Sir, Yesterday my daughter failed her driving test. She accepted the result philosophically and has no complaint about the conduct of the test itself. After notifying her of the result, the examiner promptly completed the "statement of failure" form, and that was that, until the next attempt.

What I do find ludicrous, however, is the printed statement at the bottom of the same form which reads: "Driving examiners are not permitted to discuss details of the test". The inadequacies of the present driving test system are well known; but if the object is to produce safe, skilled, and responsible drivers, why on earth should it be forbidden for the examiner and the learner to discuss the weaknesses of the latter's performance?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HURST,
Hillside, 72 Ballywillan Road,
Porthrush, Co. Antrim,
September 27.

Young accountants

From the Secretary of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Sir, Edward Fennell (Accountant, September 29) asks what the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants is doing about attracting young talent to its ranks. The answer is, in short, a lot. The situation and problems which he writes about were recognised more than two years ago and we are now well along the road to overcoming them.

We have implemented a new corporate identity to reflect our modern approach to the professional and technical development of management accountancy, we have introduced a new and forward-looking examination syllabus to enable our future

members to play their part in decision-making management, and we have doubled the resources employed in student recruitment by establishing a network of full-time professional development officers throughout the United Kingdom. We have also established a partnership with leading companies to develop training programmes which will provide students with the practical experience they need to qualify for membership.

Recurring lessons for Labour Party

From Mr P. C. Metcalfe
Sir, Bernard Levin (September 29) refers to Labour Party members who have "drifted away". My wife and I did not "drift", but resigned after 24 years' membership in 1981 to join the fledgling SDP.

The causes of our departure then are either still present or even more firmly entrenched in today's Labour Party: an unacceptable defence policy; an outrageous method of leadership election; the fluctuating but persistent influence of the extreme left combined with a reluctance to combat it by most national party figures; the distorting influence of the trade unions (why should a union leader be able to wield the votes of his non-Labour members?); and the tendency to favour policies for distributing wealth rather than its creation.

Allied to these negative arguments was our desire for "one member, one vote" and for reform of Britain's deranged electoral system. Not insignificant was our admiration of the "Gang of Four".

For me the original SDP was a marvel and its electric impact lingers; there will never be another party like it. I have stayed with "the continuing SDP", but have to recognise that it is different from its illustrious forbear.

British politics is about "the how and the who" of opposing the Conservative Party. I have the same attitude to the Tories as the harassed mother of many children had to her youngest: "Go and see what Little Johnny's up to, and stop him".

The tragedy of today's political scene is that people who could make common cause are ossified into unnatural opposition — witness the disgraceful treatment accorded to John Cartwright, MP, at Blackpool last week ("Cartwright olive branch thrown back in his face", September 29).

In terms of personalities I could easily belong to a party whose policies are exemplified by (from right to left): Lord Prior, Ian Gilmour, David Owen, Shirley Williams, John Smith and Denis Healey, perhaps even including today's Edward Heath. But how to bring it about?

Labour has a great past. By its existence and its actions it dictated the pace at which ordinary working people were raised from their knees. Its time is now over. For the Conservatives to be fruitfully opposed it is essential that the Labour Party be dismantled; dismissed not destroyed.

Yours faithfully,
P. C. METCALFE,
115 London Lane,
Bromley, Kent,
September 29.

Hospital plan delay

From Mr Andrew Johnson and Dr Malcolm MacIVER

Sir, The recent report by the Public Accounts Committee on the poor state of Britain's hospitals (report, September 23) comes at an appropriate time for Ormskirk and District General Hospital.

This combination of workhouse buildings, wartime emergency medical services' wooden huts and some modern buildings (built apart, so that patients have to be transported about the site to theatre, X-ray, etc. in electric "milk floats") was due to be replaced by a modern phase 1 complex with a starting date in December, 1988.

However, in July this year, at a secret meeting, the North Western Regional Health Authority deferred this project indefinitely — less than six months before building was due to start. No good reason for this decision has been given and staff have been left to speculate about its meaning and

implications; damaging a morale already reduced by staff and money shortages.

This decision should be seen against a background of five postponements of a starting date in 14 years — a poor reward for a hospital that has increased patient activity by 30 per cent in the last three years and has stayed within the ever more stringent cash limits imposed on it by region and central government.

The medical and nursing staff here struggle to practise modern caring medicine in increasingly difficult conditions. Many of us, having come here on a promise by the North Western Region of a new hospital, find our trust in the region betrayed and their promise to us broken.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW JOHNSON
(Consultant Surgeon),
MALCOLM MACIVER
(Consultant Physician),
Ormskirk and District General Hospital,
Wigan Road,
Ormskirk, Lancashire.

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Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. SPELLAR (Labour MP, Birmingham Northfield, 1982-83),
115 London Lane,
Bromley, Kent,
September 29.

From Professor Margaret A. Mackenzie

Sir, Now that Mr Kinnock has been awarded gold and Mr Hattersley silver, can the breathless supporters at the end of this six-month marathon be assured that the "Labour Olympic Committee" tested the winners and runners-up for proscribed substances and that it failed to find evidence of any unfair advantage?

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET MACKENZIE,
104 Breck Road,
Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire,
October 3.

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Opposing gravel pits

From Lady Roberts

Sir, If we accept the enormous demand for aggregate (letters, September 20, 24, October 1) the need is surely for enforceable guidelines on extraction in "least awful places".

Sand and gravel are found in river valleys. Some of our most beautiful counties, such as this one, have large areas of river valley. Already companies have adjacent applications in for 500 acres of the Lugg Valley close to its left in godly peace.

Munich recalled

From Mr A. J. Sinclair

Sir, On September 28, 1938 ("Herr Hitler holds hand", On This Day, September 29) my brother and I were sent home from Eton, where I had arrived for the very first time a fortnight earlier. I was still feeling homesick and apprehensive, but not about war which I secretly thought sounded rather fun. The reason for our going home was lack of gas masks at the school. It all seemed too good to be true.

On arriving in London we were told to go at once to the House of Commons where we found my father, then Sir Archibald Sinclair, Leader of the Liberal Party, standing near the entrance to the chamber talking with Mr Churchill. As we approached, Churchill turned to us and said lugubriously: "You'll have to go back to school and learn Latin". This was the first intimation I had of the famous flight to Munich.

Incidentally, Mr Gallacher (mentioned in the report) was not alone in being "exempt from the prevailing happiness". My father also stayed in his seat throughout the applause. He was not one to be infected with mass hysteria. Nor was he ever "happy" about Munich.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE VALLINGS, Secretary,
The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants,
63 Portland Place, W1.

Threshold of a new dental era

From Professor M. W. J. Ferguson
Sir, Most dental diseases are now preventable. A University Grants Committee working party reported in February on how reductions in the numbers of dental students could best be effected and the changes necessary to permit future practitioners to dispense the research, treatment and care of this new dental era.

The recommendations were clear and simple: close two dental schools, extend the undergraduate dental course to five years, and introduce vocational training. The report was sent to the minister several months ago, but since then there has been silence. Why?

Given that everyone, including the profession, believes that the number of dental students should be reduced and that this will save Government money, this seems unlikely to be the stumbling block — although some may argue about the choice of particular schools to close.

More likely is the question of the proposed extended, five-year course. Funding this is not a problem: the resources released from the closure of two schools are more than sufficient to cover it. But is the minister thinking of saving the resource completely and ploughing none of it back into dentistry?

If he is, he is mistaken. Major advances in the basic and clinical sciences mean that the dentistry of the next 20 years can, and should, be very different from that of the past 20 years: prevention, population screening, systemic disease-monitoring, bio-repairs (replacement of diseased tissue with tissue components) are possible.

To this end, an extended five-year undergraduate course is required and has been repeatedly recommended.

Yours faithfully,
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University of Manchester,
School of Biological Sciences,
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Coupland Street, Manchester 13,
September 29.

SAS programme

From the Editor of Panorama
Sir, Woodrow Wyatt's article (October 4), accusing Panorama's programme on the SAS of not being impartial, cannot be allowed to pass without comment.

At no time did anyone who viewed the programme raise the issue of bias when considering its merits. The programme has been made in the best tradition of broadcast journalism; a fair-minded enquiry into an important matter of public interest, reduced to a tight deadline for transmission on the relevant day.

In my opinion, as editor, the programme was ready for transmission last weekend and reflects the considerable work put into it. This view was shared by those to whom I directly report. However the director-general, as is his absolute right as editor-in-chief, took a different view, and decided more work needed to be done. This work will not alter the terrain of the programme.

Woodrow Wyatt's stated belief in impartial journalism is one we all share. His argument would have been better served had he taken the trouble, with one phone call, to check his facts first.

Yours sincerely,
TIM GARDAM,
Editor, Panorama,
BBC Television,
Lime Grove Studios, W12,
October 5.

junction with the Wye and up to Hereford city boundary.

There would be nothing new in county council decisions being overturned on appeal. The companies, unlike the (in this area unanimous) parish and district councils, have automatic right of appeal. How many people realise this until they are personally involved? When the opposition does manage to organize itself (and initially there is only a two or three-week period in which to register objections) those involved are instantly accused of suffering from the "nimby" (not in my backyard) syndrome.

Alternative sources will eventually have to be found when there are no longer vast tracts of meadow-land to be ruined. The gravel companies, at the expense of our environment, can skim off gravel at low cost. Their success is reflected in their profits: RMC, for example, have just announced over £80 million for their last half-year.

Must the interests of shareholders be preferred to the preservation of our natural heritage? This is the real choice which confronts our planners.

Yours sincerely,
HAZEL ROBERTS,
Brook House,
Sutton St Nicholas,
Hereford,
October 3.

Open lines

From Mr David Reissner

Sir, I looked out of my office window today and saw six men in the street, each speaking on a portable telephone, within the space of 50 yards. Clearly the days of the telephone box are numbered — or is this just an indication of a shortage of office space in central London?

Yours faithfully,
D. H. REISSNER,
Charles Russell Williams & James,
Hale Court,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2,
September 27.

THE ARTS

TELEVISION

What's in a name?

Ferdinand de Saussure, the grandpapa of such once-voguish methods of studying signs and language as structuralism and semiotics, thought that anagrams revealed the important hidden meanings. Perhaps this is why Channel 4's new arts programme, *Signals*, whose name reflects the influence of de Saussure and his intellectual descendants, reversed its letters in the title sequence to produce the anagram "Slang is".

In fact, "slang" was not the word which the programme brought immediately to mind though its appearance was a "sign" of the avowed populist intention of the producers. They certainly seemed unaware, however, of the significance of other scrabbling of letters flashed on the screen. The programme was introduced by the once very voguish pop-art painter of rainbows, Patrick Hughes, and the "alternative" comedian and writer, Morwenna Banks, a pair whose names combine to form, "Heck! Rainbow art! Punk's sham gen!"

There was no rainbow art, however, and the well-spoken and enthusiastic Hughes and Banks only showed the barest hint of punk in appearance. But they did give us some rather sham gen in their otherwise composed introductions, by repeatedly citing statistics on how many more people do various artistic activities than go to football matches. There were no statistics on how many watch arts programmes.

Andrew Hislop

A master film-maker returns to form, a German director masters the American idiom and a serious star aims to entertain

Outcasts, strangers, fugitives

CINEMA

Au revoir les enfants (PG)
Curzon Mayfair

Bagdad Café (PG)
Screen on the Hill,
Metro, Chelsea Cinema

Midnight Run (15)
Empire

After more than a decade in Hollywood, Louis Malle returns to make his first film in France since *Lacombe Lucien* and *Black Moon*. As *Au revoir les enfants* is drawn, he says, "from the most dramatic experience of my childhood... I should have made this the subject of my first film, but I hesitated, I waited."

Nothing was lost by waiting: this is possibly the best film of his career. In 1944, Malle recalls, he was 11, and boarding in a Catholic school near Fontainebleau. He was intrigued by a new boy, more thoughtful and secretive than the others. "I was getting to know him, learning to love him when, one morning, our little world fell apart."

That day the Gestapo arrived and took Malle's friend away, along with other Jewish children and the Catholic priest who had knowingly sheltered them.

The film recreates the story, "going beyond historical reconstruction in search of a truth that was to prove both haunting and timeless"; and at the end Malle's voice on the sound track tells us simply that the children died at Auschwitz, the priest at Mauthausen.

Malle has often shown his skill in entering the minds of adolescents; here he wonderfully creates the enclosed and regimented society of a school in the unsettled conditions of war, the cold and hunger which the boys, with their small memories, accept as the natural order of things.

The central performances are extraordinary. Julien (Gaspard Manesse), evidently the little Malle himself, is bold and extra-



Xenophobe who finally relents: C.C.H. Pounder as the suspicious motel-owner Brenda in Percy Adlon's Californian film fable, *Bagdad Café*

vert and funny, despite small social handicaps like bed-wetting. Jean (Raphael Fejtó) is quiet and bookish and watchful, aged by experience — his parents were evidently victims of the 1942 Val d'Hiver round-up of Jews. Their friendship grows gradually, after Julien's first instinctive hostility to a stranger. With unmalicious curiosity Julien pries into his friend's secrets, slyly watches his nocturnal Sabbath prayers, and begins, however vaguely, to understand. It is ironic then that it is finally Julien's glance of anxious concern that gives his friend away to the Gestapo.

There is still a child's world, where events have relative importance quite different from that of the grown-up; and where there is always the possibility of fun. Two memorable scenes show the boys improvising boogie on the piano during an air raid; and a sequence where the school assemblies to watch Charlie Chaplin in *The Immigrant* on a 9.5mm projector; and through Charlie

they discover their own emotions. As in *Lacombe Lucien*, Malle is struck by the oddities and ambivalences of the Occupation. When the Vichy militia enter a smart restaurant and harass an old Jewish gentleman, they are turned out by patrician Gestapo officers. The informer who provokes the ultimate catastrophe turns out to be the boys' own friend, a crippled, underprivileged kitchen boy who, rather like Lacombe Lucien, cannot resist his momentary chance of power and revenge upon the world at large.

Not many European films shot in America in English language turn out well. Wim Wenders's *Paris, Texas* was one rare exception; now it is joined by his fellow countryman Percy Adlon's wonderfully endearing *Bagdad Café*. Featuring the heavy-weight Marianne Sägebrecht, who starred in a previous off-beat charmer by Adlon, *Sugar Baby*, the film is a fable, and has the fable's quality

of putting truth before likelihood. Franklin Sägebrecht plays Jasmin, a solemn Bavarian *hausfrau* unaccountably touring the Californian desert with her boorish husband. They quarrel and part. The husband takes the car but leaves her the coffee machine, and beneath the baking sun, Jasmin, in her tweed suit and feathered Bavarian hunting hat, staggers into Bagdad, Cal., a township consisting of little more than a rusting motel, unsuitably named Brenda's Palace. Brenda herself is an irascible black lady, whose husband has fled, leaving her with a feeble daughter, musical son and an odd assortment of residents.

So acute is Brenda's xenophobic suspicion that she reports the new guest to the Sheriff. Jasmin, with melancholy patience, sits out all the hostility, and the fury aroused by her efforts to introduce Teutonic order into Brenda's mess. Fit bit patience wins out: Jasmin makes friends with everyone, even Brenda.

A shade slow at the start, once it gathers momentum it draws the viewer into its style of fantasy (Jasmin and Brenda break into a musical number in the finale) and the charm of its theme: how people can conquer their instinctive fears and get to know one another.

Adlon has no inhibitions or problems in choosing and directing English-speaking actors. At the centre of a wonderfully eccentric ensemble are three outstanding performances. C.C.H. Pounder, as Brenda, is as spiky as her hair and elbows. A weather-worn Jack Palance plays an old Hollywood scene-painter who wots Jasmin with shy courtesy and postural stings. Marianne Sägebrecht herself has a charm as big as her girl: before our eyes the glum *hausfrau* blooms into a woman with a beauty of her own, displayed in full as she discreetly and progressively sheds her garments for the benefit of Palance's easel.

David Robinson

We are so used to seeing Robert De Niro in works of significance, pretended or otherwise, that his co-starring role in *Midnight Run* — a film that aims no higher than simple entertainment — comes as something of a surprise. De Niro plays Jack Walsh, a former cop turned bounty hunter, who takes on the assignment of locating an embezzling accountant who jumped bail, and returning him safely to Los Angeles by a tight deadline.

"This is an easy ticket! It's a midnight run!" cries his boss, a sneaky bailbondsmen desperate to avoid a default. If it were an easy ticket, of course, there would be no film. George Gallo's script invents complication upon complication to fill up the 126 minutes.

Once handcuffed into his plane seat at Kennedy Airport, Walsh's charge — a self-righteous do-gooder known as "The Duke", who embezzled mob funds and gave them to charity — announces he is physically incapable of flying. So the cross-country trip is made by train, bus, and stolen vehicles. The FBI, a rival bounty hunter, and a pair of *dummkopf* mafia men are seen on their tails.

The story itself is hand-drawn road-movie fare. What gives the film abundant life is the character interplay between the dishevelled, fast-smashed Walsh and his saintly charge (immaculately played by Charles Grodin).

"Are you familiar with the word arterio-sclerosis?" Grodin permonizes as De Niro dips into some Amtrak fare drenched in cholesterol. The oddball pair's personal habits count under pitiless scrutiny as the miles wear on; gradually, a friendship emerges.

De Niro puts his intense acting style to subtle comic use, and Grodin, with his aggrieved puppy-dog face, proves a perfect foil. Martin Brest directs in a more relaxed manner than he managed in his last big success, the machine-tooled *Beverly Hills Cop*, and gives his actors room to breathe.

There are two main drawbacks to the film's total success: a failed attempt to pull the heart-strings and deepen the tone by dragging Walsh's estranged wife into the narrative, and the running time.

Geoff Brown

Evil works to good effect

The Secret Rapture
Lyttelton

Goodness is held to be an inherently undramatic quality: a cliché which David Hare challenges in this fine and impassioned play which pushes social comedy to the boundary of spiritual inquiry.

What would happen, it asks, if an entirely good person arrived in our greedily compromised midst; and goes on to explore this question through the story of a disintegrating family. At the opening they are gathered at their father's funeral: his alcoholic second wife, his career-politician daughter Marion with her rabby company director husband, and his other daughter, Isabel, who has nursed him through his last illness while the others were busy elsewhere.

You get their measure from the start, with Marion raiding the corpse for a ring, and Katherine (the widow) blithely assuming that Isabel will give her a job in her lute book-design firm; and both

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of them rounding violently on the gentle, grieving daughter, with outrageously unjust accusations that she is criticizing or patronizing them.

Isabel, unable to say no, takes her feckless propriatorial stepmother into the room, with even more disastrous results than expected.

Marion and the born-again Tom also contribute to the sabotage by taking over the firm for an ill-advised expansion which also wrecks her relationship with her co-artist lover, leading, in the play's one big miscalculation, to an hysterical *crime passionnel*.

Isabel, a heroine who avoids making judgements among a crowd who never stop judging, exerts her theatrical spell partly through the Chekhovian trick of showing a non-assertive character throwing the people around her into turmoil.

Their insults and attacks

amount to an increasingly enraged attempt to goad her into a vituperative response. The play has other Chekhovian echoes, particularly from *Three Sisters*, with the parallel situation of the dead father and the invaded estate; it is as though General Prozorov had married Natasha, and the sisters had made it to Moscow, with even sadder results.

Hare is marvellous in using this as a springboard into Thatcherite comedy, with Marion holding court in the country house she hates as a means of scoring against the Greens; or Tom, in his capacity as president of Christians in Business, stripping Isabel's assets as if he is doing her a good turn.

More remarkable, though, is the mutation of the characters through changing circumstances, with the lover (Mick Ford) visibly shrivelling when he exchanges independent integrity for a double salary; or the déclassée Katherine (Clare Higgins) swelling and deflating according to her changes in status.

Ron Daniels's production can attempt to alter interpretation but cannot change the lines — the surrounding characters are trivialized by taking him seriously. It is incomprehensible that *Horatio puts up with him*. Laertes longs to love him and the distracted multitude favours upon this pettish boy.

What a pity that a touring production, greatly desired and generously funded (by Royal Insurance), should elevate design above verse speaking. The opening scene gives us a dizzying ramp, lifted on hydraulic jacks, on to which stalks the tall Ghost (Russell Enoch in good voice) with his cloak flapping in a fierce wind. It does not so much as ripple Horatio's raiment, suggesting as in

the Otherworld of Cuchulainn's *Orpheus*, the meeting place of two realms.

The backdrop goes up and we appear to be in an artist's studio 50 miles above the surface of the earth. Through the lopsided rear window we see what looks like an astronaut's view of a glacier. Against the court of Claudius (Peter Wright), under-standably short-tempered but delivering his soliloquy like a public speech) wear varieties of costumes from the past two centuries. The comices of the enclosing walls do not meet. Space as well as time is out of joint.

One can picture this thrilling design, by Antony McDonald, as the visual counterpart of the written text but not of the text as



Women observed: Paul Shelley, Jill Baker (seated) and Clare Higgins.

Isabel is sustained by an immovable devotion to her father's memory. Hare simply presents this as an unarguable fact; but, in Jill Baker's spell-binding performance, it precipitates her change from a cheerfully hopeful girl to an exhausted emotional refuge.

Howard Davies's beautifully disciplined production (set by

John Gunter in technologically elegant prison cells) is as alert to the jokes as to the collision of good and evil. Most remarkably, in Penelope Wilton's and other performances, it presents incessantly judging characters without a trace of the judgemental.

Irving Wardle

played. And, if the purpose is to contrast with grubby human behaviour, its weird grandeur distracts.

Rylance has the sunken eyes and scabbled face of a young clown without his make-up: defenceless, on the verge of tears throughout. Moments occur when this interpretation is apt, just as the timbre of his voice suggests thoughts echoing in the vaults of his skull. But the climb to passion follows the same course too often, and the life drains out of the lines. Sylvester Le Toze persuasively marks out Ophelia's decline and the duel is exciting. But the evening is a long one.

Jeremy Kingston

Lifeless approach

RPO/Leinsdorf
Festival Hall

CONCERT

The veteran conductor Erich Leinsdorf regards his job as being "the composer's advocate". Indeed, he called his celebrated conducting manual exactly that.

Yet I wonder how Brahms would have judged the way Leinsdorf "advocated" his *Variations on a Theme by Haydn*. If the Festival Hall were a coroner's court — and the atmosphere on Tuesday night was at times not dissimilar — then the verdict on the interpretation would probably be death by non-adventure.

This was Brahms-playing to justify Brahms-playing: faceless, graceless. It is a tribute to Leinsdorf's will that he so comprehensively curtailed the Royal Philharmonic's extrovert qualities. But if someone had thrown a soggy dishcloth over the entire

orchestra, the creative spark could hardly have been quenched more thoroughly.

Dvorák's Seventh Symphony fared better. The Leinsdorf approach to Art would wipe the smile off the Mona Lisa, but at least this symphony thrives in a serious and weighty reading. It was a pity, however, that Leinsdorf's famous concern with ensemble precision was not always evident.

In Mozart's Horn Concerto No. 4, K.495, Barry Tuckwell — who relishes taking a risk or two — sounded uncertain in his temporary alliance with the advocate who likes every phrase mapped out well in advance.

Richard Morrison

LONDON DEBUTS

Norwegian timbre

Norwegian sopranos of past enchantment have a beguiling successor in Marianne Hirsti, who kept mainly to a German repertory for her Wigmore Hall programme. Even Grieg was represented by his *Six German Songs*, Op. 48, but these were sung with such style and poetic rapture they were the best possible treatment to a voice and artistry now coming into its prime.

Her singing of Mozart was perhaps coloured by too much of the ingenué, but any doubts about character were soon dispelled in four Mahler songs from *Des Knaben Wunderhorn*: the singer ranged convincingly from the simplicity of "Rheinlegendchen" to the ghostly and ghastly irony of the "brave trumpets" sounding for the dead lover's reappearance. Hirsti would be a welcome guest for the Royal Opera to consider; Rudolf Jensen was her admirable piano partner.

To sing Schubert's *Winterreise* as unconventionally as the Swiss baritone Christoph Homberger did was either brave or reckless. It sent some scurrying from Wigmore Hall three-quarters through, but to me the 25-year-old singer looked for a different way into the song-cycle's winter of discontent by starting almost jauntily and letting the poet's burden settle gradually, like the hoar-frost in one song.

He has an agreeably high and light-toned voice, varied in its shading from soft phrases that can sound like whispered confidences to darker and more dramatic inflection. In such classic songs as these his sense of character and feeling could have been thought excessively mannered, aided by the often graphic detail of Ulrich Koella at the piano.

Garfield Jackson, viola player in the Endellion Quartet since it was formed nearly 10 years ago, has obviously been in no hurry to give his first solo programme. The result at Wigmore Hall was to show him well in command of a secure technique and seductively velvet tone quality, but also with a pronounced feeling for the lyrical qualities of the works performed.

These included the fine 1919 Sonata by the not-quite-forgotten Rebecca Clarke, pupil of Stanford and one of the first women players in the Queen's Hall Orchestra, which encompasses in its four movements a varied range of instrumental figuration as well as soaring romanticism. Paul Coker was the nicely poised piano partner, as he was again for Brahms's F minor Sonata (Op.120, No.1).

Noel Goodwin

POEMS
for
Great Ormond
Street

PETIT MAL
Philip Gross

Just a flutter behind your eyes, a swirl of snow

that melts at my touch and you wonder why I ask Where did you go?

What's happening? "Nothing," you say. It's nothing, true:

a tiny death? A leaving home? Who knows? Not you.

Not the feverish script writ by the moving finger of the EEG.

Not the maze-mandalas, shadow-maps, that are all I see

in the brain-scan negatives. No trace of the gusts of flight

or free fall I've felt brush past me to light

wing-quivering on your skin, as if to mark you out. So

slight. So hard to hold you. Harder still to let you go.

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This poem appears in *First and Always*, a collection of new work given by poets in aid of the Great Ormond Street Hospital Wishing Well appeal. Compiled by Lawrence Salt, it is published in paperback by Faber and Faber on October 10 at £5.95. All proceeds will go to the appeal.

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GLYN BOYD HART

Reds in the head

Peter Ackroyd reviews an attack by the Don Quixote of right-wing journalism

For the last 100 years the baiting of intellectuals has been a common English pastime. It was not always so. In the 19th century Bentham and Carlyle, not to mention Arnold and Ruskin, were certainly "intellectual", but it was never a reason for their being condemned out of hand. In England, strange as it may seem, cultural theory and intellectual inquiry were even encouraged. Now all that has changed — to such an extent that in our own century the self-confessed "intellectual" has become a hunted species.

It is not clear why this should be so, but I suspect that it reflects a national inferiority complex. The great theoretical models of the period — those of Freud and Einstein — have been definitely not English; in addition the enormous influence of Continental philosophy and the rise of an essentially Irish or American literary "modernism" have reduced certain English writers to uneasy and defensive polemic. (Only on these grounds, for example, can one explain the current attempt to turn Philip Larkin into a great poet whose small ambitions are heralded as so many articles of national faith.) The clever ones begin at Calais, but we do not want to be clever. We want to be sensible, reasonable, and in touch with the "traditional" values of "ordinary" people. What Darwin, Newton, or Bacon would have made of this is another matter.

But it is in this context that Paul Johnson's new book should be read. He charts the rise of the "secular intellectual", a moody and unstable eccentric whose "rules of life" are explicitly opposed to the canons of religious authority or the tenets of the

traditional culture. It is in many respects a vigorous account — although, if Mr Johnson himself is not "secular", his religious affiliations appear to be only with *Lamentations and Revelations*. For his is a chronological survey in which intellectuals — generally of a radical or utopian kind — are seen as the source of totalitarianism, mass murder, and indeed of most modern ills. In this account Rousseau becomes a paranoid and lachrymose hypocrite, Shelley a disagreeable egotist, Marx a desk-bound pseudo-academic, Ibsen a vain and miserly coward, Hemingway a Communist dupe and liar, Russell a fanatic, Sartre

INTELLECTUALS

By Paul Johnson
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £14.95

an incoherent fraud, and Victor Gollancz... but what is Victor Gollancz doing here at all? Towards the end there is a detailed account of Kenneth Tynan's sex life. In other words Mr Johnson is largely concerned with the private behaviour of the intellectuals whom he condemns, apparently in the belief that an intellectual theory — or a work of art — is damaged by the personal weaknesses of those who create it. Some

people may prefer intellectual Oscar's perception: "Art is the only serious thing in the world. And the artist is the only person who is never serious."

Johnson's general complaint seems to be that in practice all of his subjects subverted the principles which in theory they espoused. But this is a common disqualification: it is the condition of being human, and only those who act without thought are immune from it. More fundamentally Johnson seems to be suggesting that all great intellectual systems are constructed by reason alone but are "deeply rooted in the personality". But

this hardly comes as a surprise, and he might have come across more rewarding examples of this important truth if he had widened the scope of his enquiries. It might have been interesting, for example, to see what he made of Kant or of Hegel, of Freud or of Einstein. These "intellectuals" have at least a claim to have shaped modern consciousness equal to that of Lillian Hellman or Ernest Hemingway — both of whom Johnson includes. But perhaps more complex figures would have required more intensive study than Johnson seems willing to give to his subject. He also runs the risk of being dismissed by his critics as no more than a right-wing parochialist — it may be simply accident that most of the writers discussed here are foreign, but it can be no coincidence that all of them are utopian, Marxist, or in some obvious way subversive. Why did he not examine with equal fervour the private lives of conservative intellectuals? One would have thought that Matthew Arnold and T. S. Eliot provided at least a T. S.

Nevertheless this is an engaging and often robustly argued book. There are times when Johnson's manner becomes no more than the tabloid equivalent of intellectual biography, reminding one of the worse excesses of those journalists who "expose" Sir Ralph Halpern or Elton John, but there are also occasions when he displays a fine grasp of cultural context. His chapters on Brecht and Sartre are well-argued, and he is very good at exposing the inconsistencies and hypocrisies of those who preach the higher good — his account of Edmund Wilson's tax evasions, and his brief attack upon Noam Chomsky, are outstanding. He is also on firm ground when he condemns those writers who feel it necessary to pontificate on public affairs without any apparent qualifications for such a role. The average butcher may well know more about politics than the average novelist.

And yet, by the end of *Intellectuals*, Mr Johnson's systematic belittlement of everyone who does not agree with his own principles becomes a little wearying. In fact one is tempted to turn the author's weapons against the author himself and to speculate about the inadequacies and resentments which induced him to write so bitter a polemic.

In women's beady eyes

FICTION

Philip Howard

THE LOST FATHER

By Marina Warner
Chatto & Windus, £11.95

INTERIOR

By Julian Cartwright
Hamish Hamilton, £11.95

LOVING AND GIVING

By Molly Keane
Andre Deutsch, £10.95

This worthy Booker finalist is a complex family saga spanning five generations, three countries, the whole of this century, and dense emotional terrain. The story is seen and imagined by the women of the Pinagora family (legendary ancestor: Pythagoras, no less) who come from Ninfaia, the impoverished, parochial, "primitive" district around the Achilles' tendon of Italy. Men have walk-on appearances (Il Duce a strut-on), except for one, who is the fulcrum of the story: Davide, the patriarch, who died as the delayed result of a duel about family honour more than half a century ago.

His granddaughter, a woman on her own in London, recreates his story from memoirs, diaries, family ephemera: appropriately, for she works in a cut-beleaguered museum cataloguing modern ephemera. The plot takes us from the Mezzogiorno, to the teeming poverty of Little Italy in New York, back to Italy for the rise of Fascism, and so to London. The structure is cleverly imbricated with different times and places. I felt squeamish about frequent bodily fluids, but that is peasant (or any) life for you. The book covers a wide range of experience, both public and private, from the point of view of women of several worlds and generations. The love of sisters is wonderful, passing the love of men.

Always something new out of Africa, at any rate from our modern novelists, for whom it is a metaphor for the chaos and unpredictability of life. Interior is a quest story, in which the interior being explored is partly darkest Africa, partly the past of our youth, and partly the meaning of "What's It All About?", or some such fictional Grail. The narrator is looking for his father, missing (presumed dead) on a *National Geographic* expedition 30 years ago. But his memory is also on safari for his inconstant wife.

Banguiland, where father went overboard, was once the colonial land of milk, honey, unfulfilled promise, and snappy one-liners. Today it is the smelly pits of the dark continent, alternately baked and drowned, corrupt, pestered by an ineffectual National Liberation lot of fun these days. But at least minestrone as mulligatawny, our

hero ventures, a sensitive, wet innocent in Africa and life. There are references and echoes from Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*, Darwin, Lévi-Strauss. At a less portentous level you could also compare and contrast with Rider Haggard, with lines by Marx (Groucho, not Karl, natch).

It takes some doing these days to involve us in the goings-on in a grand Irish country house in the Twenties. William Trevor could do it at a seceder level. Molly Keane keeps on doing it.

We see the decay and fall of a great ascendancy house, starting in 1904, through the eyes and life of a girl who is eight then, and called Nicandra (after a horse, of course). Why has beloved Maman packed her bags and driven off for ever, in a mystery so terrible that nobody can ever talk of it again? For that matter, what is Cook up to with Twomey the butler in the room? Can Dada really be so dimly horsey that even reading a children's book is a bit above his handicap? Apart from Nicandra, the only one of them with any gumption is Aunt Tossie, dotty, parrot-doting, whisky-sipping, who causes another scandal when her vest breast pops out of her dress into the trifle at the hunt-ball dinner. She finances the sinking ship, and adores her niece; but is almost resented as an inadequate substitute for Maman.

Nicandra is so scarred by the inexplicable catastrophe of her childhood that she spends her life in *Loving and Giving*, to try to stop such a disaster happening again. So she gets her come-uppance, poor sucker. Bits of the story are quite sadistic. Ireland may not be Front, into this soup, not so much minestrone as mulligatawny, our

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VIVIAN LEIGH
By Hugo Vickers
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Vivian, enduring heart-throb

stance, that her mother was born half-Indian.

The originality of his contribution otherwise stems from the rapport he evidently established with Vivian's daughter Suzanne, and the companion of her later years, Jack Merivale, both of whom made available previously unpublished letters and diaries. The journals of Oscar Frewen also throw new light on some old episodes. As Cecil Beaton's literary executor, Vickers was also able to give himself permission to plunder some useful archives.

He is even harder on Olivier than I was in my own recent biography, or indeed the great man himself in the tortured penitence of his *Confessions of an Actor* (1983). If manic depression were a condition far from fully

understood (let alone diagnosed) while it afflicted Vivian, there is still ample justification here for the "neglectful" guilt from which the central figure of her life still suffers.

Did Olivier worsen Vivian's condition by turning his back on it — in the end, once he met Joan Plowright, for good? Was Vivian a great classical actress as Olivier himself thinks — or did she only look good, as Tynan argued, because he "subdued his blow-lamp enthusiasm to match her"? Did Olivier suffer horribly throughout Vivian's all too open affairs, notably with the young Peter Finch, or was he content to let other men cope with the irritating female inconsistencies hampering his own immortal longings?

These are the central, vexed questions that will haunt biographers of both — and there will surely be many more — for years to come. In every instance Vickers comes down on Vivian's side, which will endear him to the legion of fans who still honour her name with an almost religious fervour. That he does so, on the whole, convincingly is a tribute to his gentle powers of persuasion, for Vivian's is often a difficult case to argue. The spoilt, wilful, conniving woman of other accounts rarely appears in these pages.

But the quality which really distinguishes this biography from its predecessors, and from the rash of theatrical lives now littering contemporary lists, is Hugo Vickers's sympathy with his subject as a vibrant human being. The backstage gossip and critical assessments are subtly interwoven with a portrait of a warm, thoughtful, and much-loved friend — still alive to miss her.

This is a difficult technical trick to bring off, but it is here achieved with an unobtrusive elegance. If his prose is at times a little breathless, Vickers is fresh, informative, and witty enough to carry along all schools of Vivian study, from Mills & Boon to Ph.D. Chroniclers of the saga will need this painstaking, partisan, portrait.

News ain't history

Jonathan Meades

CHRONICLE OF THE 20TH CENTURY
Edited by Derrick Mercer
Longman, £29.95

What we have here is a "part-work" with a gimmick of magisterial simplicity. The gimmick (© Bodo Habenberg) is to bung the lot into one very big (1357 pp, 8 lb 8 oz) package between hard covers, thus obviating both the tiresome wait for the next instalment and the tiresome wait for the finely tooled Naugahyde binding. The book's method — which Bodo, a German sports journalist, describes as "television on paper" and which he has had the temerity to sell the foreign rights to — is to grant every month of this century about a page: each of which is composed of a calendar, photographs, drawings or maps, and ceze-to-scan paragraphs for the reader with the small attention span.

This is a book whose contents are determined by mostly insular "news values", by what made the front page; as a form of history this is not more or less partial than any other. But it certainly doesn't render the enterprise as "real, unpredictable and dramatic as tonight's television news". These are the Bodo-ish claims of the English version's editor, Derrick Mercer, a man who within the space of two sentences is happy to give us "the high ground of hindsight," "shatter illusions," and "nostalgic haze".

The central and chronic flaw is that "tonight's television news" and "the high ground of hindsight" are incompatible.

NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

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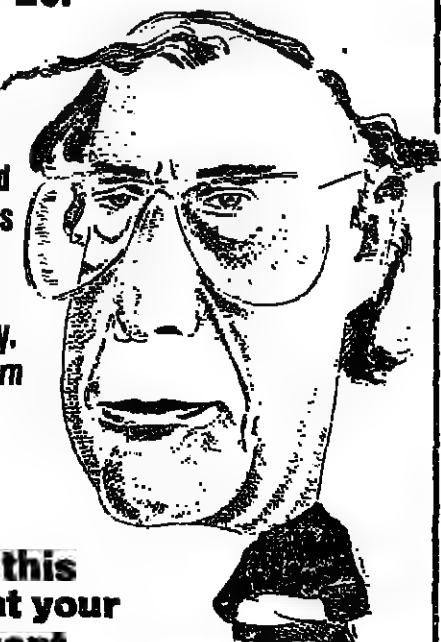
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Acting up a storm

Jonathan Miller's production of *The Tempest* previews from tonight at the Old Vic, with the Swedish actor, Max von Sydow (right, at rehearsal) as Prospero. It was in the late 1950s that British audiences first became aware of von Sydow's gamut, intelligent face when he played the gentle knight trying to win a game of chess against death in Bergman's film *The Seventh Seal*. After that came *Wild Strawberries* and central roles in numerous bleak Bergman films before the international film world beckoned. He played Christ in *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, the painter in *Hansel and Gretel* and his latest film, *Palme d'Or* at this year's Cannes Festival. His first stage appearance in England was also in a Bergman production, playing the hero in a touring production of *Ulfstam* in 1959. He played Prospero even earlier but only in Sweden. Miller, too, has worked on the *Tempest* before - it was almost his first directing job, at the Mermaid in 1970 - and taking as his cue Prospero's repeated references to Caliban and Ariel as his slaves, he had them played by black actors. He is doing the same at the Old Vic and has the same actor, Rudolph Walker, playing Caliban. *The Tempest* is at the Old Vic, London SE1 (01-928 7616). Previews from tonight 7.30pm. Opens October 11, 7pm, Sat 2.14. *Jeremy Kingston*



OPERA

★ **CARMEN:** Jean Rigby continues in the title role of David Pountney's West-Side Story-style production. English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-638 3161). 7.10pm, 22.50-22.50.

★ **LUCIA DI LAMMERMOORE:** Valerie Masterson sings the title role for the first time in her career in the first of three operas in the *Lucia* cycle. English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-638 3161). 7.10pm, 22.50-22.50.

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BBC1

- 6.30 *Coolitz*.
6.35 *Edgar Kennedy in Gilt and Bear It (b/w)*. 6.55 *Weather*.
7.00 *Breakfast Time* with Jeremy Paxman and John Stapleton. Includes national and international news at 7.05, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30. Regional news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27. 8.55 *Regional News and Weather*, followed by the mass of activity around a decaying tree stump (Ceelex) (r).
9.15 *Wild Flower*. Michael Jordan looks at the heather (Ceelex) (r).
9.25 *Robin Day*. David Dimbleby and Vivian White with live coverage from Blackpool. Includes News and Weather at 10.00.
10.25 *Children's BBC* introduced by Andy Crane, starts with *Play School* (r). 10.50 *Playbus* is coming! 10.55 *Five in Eleven* with Janice Harman.
11.00 *News and Weather*, followed by *Labour Party Conference*. Includes News and Weather at 12.00.
12.20 *Favorite Walks*. Weatherman Francis Wilson takes a stroll through his childhood dumping ground of Chestnut in Buckinghamshire (r). 12.55 *Regional News and Weather*.
1.00 *One O'Clock News* with Philip Hayton. Weather.
1.30 *News*. Jane has doubts about her investment and Mrs Mangel finds entertaining a risky business.
1.40 *International Golf*. Harry Carpenter interviews coverage of the 25th Sunbury World Matchplay Championship from Wentworth in Surrey where defending champion Ian Woosnam will be joined by Nick Faldo, Andy Lytle and Steve Belfrage.
3.50 *Bertha* (r). 4.05 *The Barbers*. Animated adventures in a mystical underworld world.

BBC2

- 6.55 *Open University: Is Social Science Really Necessary?* Ends at 7.25. 9.00 *Ceelex*.
9.30 *Science on Two*. Let's See 6.40 *Information World 10.30*. Thinkabout 10.40 *Investigating Science* 11.00 *Making History* 11.30 *Landscape* 11.40 *Scene* 12.10 *Maths Today* 12.30 *Issues* 12.55 *Inset*.
1.30 *Little Misses and the Mirror* (r). 1.40 *Musical Time* (r).
2.00 *News and Weather*, followed by *Watch* (r).
2.15 *Labour Party Conference*. Includes News and Weather at 3.00. News and Weather followed by regional news and weather at 3.30.
3.45 *International Golf*. Further coverage of the first round of the Sunbury World Matchplay Championship from Wentworth, where Jeff Scriven, Rodger Davis, Mark McNulty and Nick Price will be battling it out.
6.00 *Korda Classic Film: The Onim* (1938). North-west frontier adventure about a lad who saves a British regiment from

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- 6.00 *TV-am* starting with *The Morning Programme* presented by Richard Kaye. 7.00 *Good Morning Britain* with John Craven, Roger Field and Terry Sadler.
8.00 *Blue Peter* includes a report from Booth-Hall Children's Hospital in Manchester, which is 80 years old this week (Ceelex).
8.35 *Midday News*.
8.50 *Six O'Clock News* Nicholas Wintchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather.
9.25 *Regional News*.
9.55 *Top of the Pops*. Tonight's line-up includes the Pasadena, Bobby McFerrin, Wee Papa Girl Rappers, Erasure and U2.
10.00 *News*. Will Don't visit him in the nick, and will Peter's plans to cheer up Kathy work? (Ceelex).
10.10 *Temple News*. The new series reports on the testing of life-jackets used by North Sea oil workers; and on a new micro-computer, the "Write-Top".
10.20 *10-10*. There are wedding bells for the bride despite the disapproval of her fiancé's family (Ceelex) (r).
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Asian pupils beat whites in O levels

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

New evidence that Asian pupils in Britain's schools are outperforming their white counterparts has come from figures published yesterday. Research among pupils at 24 secondary schools in Bradford found that pupils classified as Black — principally the children of Asian parents — were the most successful. The survey, which analysed exam passes at O level and CSE by pupils between 1983 and 1987 found that in 1987 only 7 per cent of black pupils left school without qualifications compared with 19 per cent of white pupils. The percentage of black pupils without examination passes had dropped from 23

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per cent in 1983 the number of white pupils in the same position had risen by 5 per cent over the same period.

In addition the pass grades achieved by Black school-leavers were better than those of white pupils.

In 1987 47 per cent of black pupils got grades A to C at O Level or Grade One at CSE compared to only 39 per cent of whites.

A council spokesman said the figures for white pupils were distorted by the fact that the analysis took no account of vocational qualifications such as City and Guilds or BTEC.

He agreed that black pupils' performance in examinations had improved at a "startling

rate and attributed it to the council's multi-ethnic policy. The findings of the Bradford survey, carried out by education officials, echo the conclusions of research in Inner London which also found that Asian pupils were doing better than Whites.

The Bradford researchers also divided the schools in the survey according to social class on the basis of how many of their pupils qualified for free school meals.

Using this measure they found that at the most disadvantaged schools there was little difference between the performance of black and white pupils.

Mr Marsha Singh, the Council's policy development officer, said yesterday: "Some of our education policies also helped black pupils to raise their self-esteem and give them greater self-confidence."

"They no longer go to school thinking they are different and they know they have a culture which is accepted as valid in Bradford."

Inner London schools face disruption next week after a decision by the National Union of Teachers yesterday to ballot members on strike action over a dispute about the employment of part-time supply staff.

National officers of the union yesterday authorized the Inner London Teachers' Association to ballot the 19,000 teachers affected.

If they vote for the one-day stoppage proposed by the union, all of the 953 schools in the centre of the capital are likely to be closed.

Baker gets a taste of life in Siberia

From David Tytler, Education Editor, Novosibirsk

A mixed bag of Englishmen, containing a politician, an ambassador and a distinguished scientist, descended on a state farm deep inside Siberia yesterday to be regaled with facts and figures of Soviet achievement and a brief but cogent résumé of British politics.

In the warm Siberian sun, Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, accompanied by Sir Rodric Braithwaite, Britain's new Ambassador to the Soviet Union, and Sir David Phillips, Mr Baker's chief scientific adviser, was in Maysky visiting the state farm school, a modern building serving 256 children of farm workers.

Siberian intellectuals have not been wholeheartedly behind President Gorbachev's reforms. A poll of academics showed that 30 per cent were in favour, 30 per cent against, and the rest were undecided. The editor who published the poll was reprimanded.

In Mr Gorbachev's new world, directors of secondary schools will have to be elected

by their staff in a secret ballot and face re-election every five years. Mr Aleksandr Klein, the director at Maysky, explained: "I am a relic of the past and was appointed by the district committee."

Understandably proud of his school, Mr Klein insisted that Mr Baker sampled the school meal of vegetable soup and bread, followed by meat stew, potatoes and salad grown on the farm. "And very good it is too," said Mr Baker.

The review of Britain was provided by Anna Odarich, aged 14: "Britain was once a powerful empire and is capitalist. We live under socialism and so there is nothing attractive about capitalism for us."

She would like to visit Britain just the same. Her judgement was that Mrs Thatcher "is a very active person," and London a "modern city covered in fog".

Speaking later at the English club here, the largest city in Siberia, Mr Baker said the record showed literary censorship simply did not work.

Deadly haul from guns amnesty



Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, inspecting guns handed to him by Assistant Commissioner Geoff McLean at New Scotland Yard yesterday.

Mr Hurd said that at least 35,000 firearms and more than one million rounds of ammunition had been given to

the police during last month's amnesty.

The total is expected to be higher still when final checks have been made. The Metropolitan Police have been handed 3,474 weapons and more than 80,000 rounds of ammunition.

"It means there are now at least 35,000

less chances of a gun being stolen and used in a crime, Mr Hurd said. Many people had acted in a responsible way and taken many dangerous weapons out of circulation.

Most guns will be destroyed but some of historical interest will go to museums.

UK may ease curb on aid to Vietnam

By Andrew McEwen

Britain's refusal to give Vietnam aid while Vietnamese troops remain in Cambodia may be slightly relaxed next week to persuade Hanoi to take back boat people who have fled to Hong Kong.

Officials from Britain, Vietnam and Hong Kong will meet in London next Tuesday and Wednesday for a second round of talks on the boat people. In August Hanoi said it would be willing to accept those who returned voluntarily, but would expect economic assistance. British officials now plan to urge Hanoi to accept immediately 300 boat people and will argue that Hong Kong has a right to send back 9,000 others.

Estate of a wartime general keeps the family name alive

By Alan Hamilton

The wartime general who liberated Brussels in 1944 has left a share of his £2 million estate to his grandson with a request that the family name be kept alive.

Major-General Sir Allan Adair, who died in August aged 90 and whose will was published yesterday, left a large but unspecified portion of his estate to Mr Guy Dorell, a 27-year-old Lloyds insurance broker, with a request that Mr Dorell change his name to Adair Dorell. Mr Dorell is at present on honeymoon in India.

Sir Allan's only son, who would have continued the family name, was killed in

action in Italy in 1943, a year before Sir Allan commanded the Guards Armoured Division on its historic 100-mile advance in a single day to the Belgian capital. He is survived by three daughters, the eldest of whom is Mr Dorell's mother.

It appears, however, that Mr Dorell need take no action to secure his share of the estate. His father, Brigadier Sir Jeffrey Dorell, said at his home in Norfolk yesterday that his son had been christened Guy Jeffrey Adair Dorell, and Sir Allan's request already appeared to have been met.

Included in the total value

of Sir Allan's estate is his former home in Green Street, off Park Lane in London. Sir Jeffrey said that Mr Dorell would inherit very much less than £2 million, because the house was not included in the bequest and because other grandchildren would also benefit.

Sir Allan, who was colonel of the Grenadier Guards from 1961 to 1974 and president of the Grenadier Guards Association from 1947 to 1961, left his medals, decorations and presentations to the regiment.

He was also lieutenant of the Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard from 1951 to 1967.

Conference sketch

Kinnock tries one trick too many

Remarking (earlier this week) that those who wield block votes should in all fairness be offered the mechanical means to make louder applause than those who clap only for themselves, I am led to propose further refinements to make "mandated" voting more intelligible to laymen.

When a delegate is "mandated" by a constituency party or union, they become in reality the human equivalent of a rather expensive postcard, with a vote recorded on it, sent to Blackpool. They are, of course, Recorded Delivery, in that the way they vote can be checked.

But a problem for the rest of us is to distinguish the people who are here as themselves, from the people who are here as missives. Couldn't these latter wear white T-shirts with the name and address of the Sender printed on the back, and the name of the beneficiary of their intended vote stamped across their chest? For their own identity (or opinion) is, of course, as immaterial as that of those poor souls who have to take jobs as singing telegram.

Not that the process is without humour. One delegate, I was told, was "mandated" to help vote Clare Short on the women's section of the NEC. Confused as to whether it was Short C or Short R, that she had to select (Renée was standing too) her MP advised her to think of Clare Short's famous opposition to the frontal photographs of naked ladies that are said to appear in *The Sun*. "Short C," he said, stands for "short and curvaceous."

Seldom can a sketch-writer's warnings have been vindicated so fast as those I made on Monday. I remarked that Mr Kinnock's battle with the loony left was his strongest suit as he'd always be on the winning side. Do not chase such foes from the field, this column warned, or you'll run out of enemies you can beat.

I reckoned without Mr Kinnock's impetuosity. He has routed the far left, and where has it landed him? Face-to-face with the real enemy, the monster he should have left slumbering, the Caliban that ignorant Tories love to romanticize: I

speaking of the Good Old Labour Party, "Labour as it used to be when I was a lad", the TGWU: Mr Ron Todd.

"Yes I do have a car," shouted an outraged Mr Todd at delegates — and at Mr Kinnock beside him — yesterday morning. "Yes I do have a Filofax, and I'll tell you something else I have. I've got a belief in the union's policies that we carried out over the years." This sketch-writer, sensitized to the nuances that distinguish a radical handclap from a conservative one, identified the roar of applause that greeted Mr Todd as the dearest kind: conservative.

Benn, Scargill, Hutton, these were never the real enemies but — my goodness — they served well as pantomime enemies. Like Prospero's phantoms in *The Tempest*, their revels now are ended, for they were ... As I foretold you, all spirits and are melted into air, into thin air.

No one who matters is going to their fringe meetings anymore. Militant stand be dragged in the rain outside my hotel, trying to hand out leaflets as delegates push past them. But, oh Caliban! Thy christian name is Ron!

... When thou canst first Thou stroke'st me and

made much of me Caliban's complaint to Prospero echoes Mr Todd's to his leader. Why, Neil even sweet-talked him into supporting his "Aims and Values" (though Ron had to hold his nose to do it). And what thanks does he get? Some well-judged kicks in the stomach. For let us be clear on one thing. Trade union support was about hauling the party backwards from the radical eighties to the corporatist sixties. Our Welsh Prospero has tried a trick too many if he thinks the TUC has come out of its cave to help him into the nineties. "This is-land's mine", roars the "Transport and General Workers' Union, which thou takest from me."

Gwyneth Dwywedy, Mr Kinnock's drum-major on Tuesday, exerts all challenging roles. She will make an unlikely Miranda, but the Welsh Wizard is going to need all the help he can get.

Matthew Parris

Todd threatens outcome of Labour defence vote

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appreciate that he did not run the Labour Party and would not run the Government if Labour won the election.

Mr Bill Jordan, the AEU president, said: "It was a bad time to put the union's policy across. Ron must now be feeling hurt after making a speech which will rebound against the party."

Mr John Edmunds, general secretary of the GMB, said his union delegation was saddened and bemused.

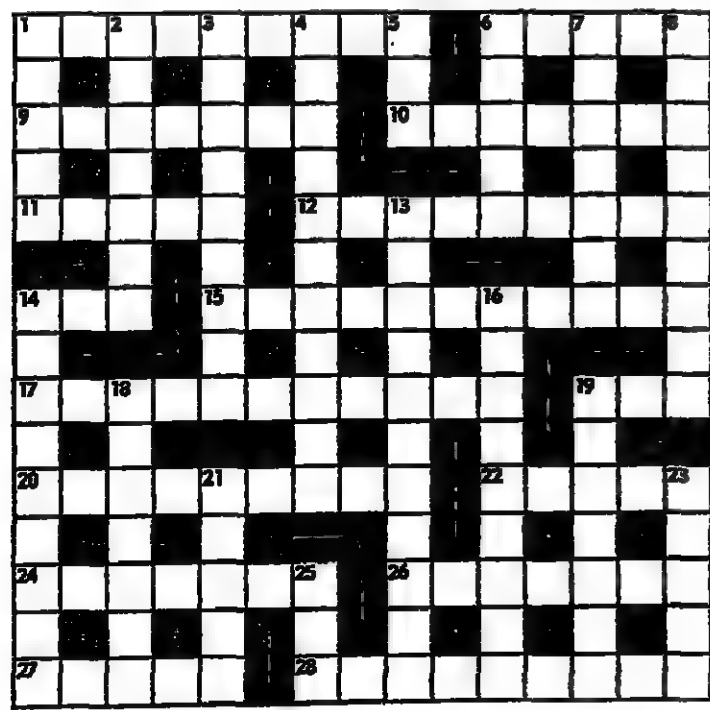
Mr Hattersley said Mr Todd's speech was a diversion

that had enabled people who wanted to diminish Mr Kinnock's triumphant speech to talk about divisions and splits.

But in spite of the opprobrium, Mr Todd received a cheering reception from the far left when he returned to the attack in the conference debate on employment.

"Yes I do have a Filofax," he said. "Yes I do have a car. But I'll tell you something else I have. I have a belief in the union's policies that we have carried out over the years."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,793



- ACROSS**
- Approval for the witch chant (9).
 - Understood to be a historian, but not of America (5).
 - Chief wimps back a crock (4-3).
 - A cleaner defender (7).
 - Send back watch (5).
 - Favoured engineers, half of them having lost blood (9).
 - Despicable man going to extremes in Corfu? Right (3).
 - Urim and Thummim were in this armour of Aaron (11).
 - Veldt, if seen in the wild, is plain (4-7).
 - Trigonometrical ratio of the island (3).
 - Carry out some simple mental process (9).
 - Kind of dance executed in the plant (5).
 - It afflicts a number of people in the island (7).
 - Sound of 14ac in London borough (7).
 - Specific demand (5).
 - Preacher confused pride with hypocrisy (9).
- DOWN**
- Three points to love — a run for the grim artist (5).
 - Joseph was such a visionary (7).
 - Respectable and pure perhaps when on board (9).
 - Nice set-up? US doctor holds it to be deadly (11).
 - Starts to go at speed — stepping on it (3).
 - Hot unit in the corps (5).
 - Give international honours to girl star (7).
 - It's up to a redhead to cause fatigue (9).
 - Liable to bless cup tie maybe (11).
 - Criticize players opening without one (9).
 - Mixture for drug and French king and emperor (3-6).
 - Priest embraces friend in the island (2,5).
 - Girl so absorbed in a region of France (7).
 - "Fairest of her daughters" not disinterested by this happening (5).
 - A sense of location, say (5).
 - Principal spinner (3).

Complete crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

PROLUSION
a. A prelude
b. A mirage or hallucination

RASORIAL
a. Cleave-shaven
b. Scratching for food

GREENMAIL
a. A premium stock buying
b. Ecological propaganda

FUGLE
a. The life-course
b. To make signals

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solutions to Puzzle No 17,792

ACROSS
1. APPROVAL
2. HISTORIAN
3. CROCK
4. DEFENDER
5. WATCH
6. ENGINEERS
7. CORFU
8. AARON
9. VELD
10. RATIO
11. PROCESS
12. DANCE
13. ISLAND
14. SOUND
15. DEMAND
16. HYPOCRISY
17. THREE
18. JOSEPH
19. RESPECTABLE
20. NICE
21. DEADLY
22. STARTS
23. STEPPING
24. UNIT
25. HONOURS
26. GIRL
27. FATIGUE
28. LIABLE
29. CRITICIZE
30. MIXTURE
31. EMPEROR
32. PRIEST
33. FRANCE
34. FAIREST
35. LOCATION
36. SPINNER
37. PRINCIPAL

WEATHER

A cool and showery westerly airflow covers the British Isles. Eastern areas of Scotland and England will start cloudy with outbreaks of rain but brighter showery weather will spread from the West during the morning. North-east Scotland will stay dull and wet. Western Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and western Ireland will have sunny intervals and showers, some heavy. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: remaining rather cold with sunny intervals and heavy showers.

ABROAD

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud	Rain
Algeria	22/21	S	100	0.0
Alexandria	22/21	S	100	0.0
Algiers	22/21	S	100	0.0
Amman	15/10	N	100	0.0
Antwerp	14/13	N	100	0.0
Athens	14/13	N	100	0.0
Bombay	28/27	E	100	0.0
Buenos Aires	14/13	N	100	0.0
Calcutta	28/27	E	100	0.0
Cairo	22/21	S	100	0.0
Cardiff	14/13	N	100	0.0
Chennai	28/27	E	100	0.0
Copenhagen	14/13	N	100	0.0
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Geneva	14/13	N	100	0.0
Helsinki	14/13	N	100	0.0
Hong Kong	28/27	E	100	0.0
London	14/13	N	100	0.0
Lyons	14/13	N	100	0.0
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Stockholm	14/13	N	100	0.0
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Warsaw	14/13	N	100	0.0
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FT 30 Share
1471.7 (+14.1)
FT-SE 100
1826.3 (+19.0)
USM (Datastream)
159.54 (-0.02)

US dollar
1.6960 (same)
W German mark
3.1580 (+0.0043)
Trade-weighted
75.8 (same)



THURSDAY OCTOBER 6 1988

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Distiller bid date extended

Grand Metropolitan has extended its bid for Irish Distillers from October 4 to October 25.

GrandMet now claims to speak for more than 30 per cent of ID.

The bid battle for ID takes a fresh turn today when the High Court in Dublin starts to hear the claim by rival bidder Pernod Ricard that it has secured control of a key 20 per cent stake following a verbal agreement by FII Fyffes to sell its stake to Pernod.

Higgs up 45%

Higgs and Hill, the construction group, increased pre-tax profits by 45 per cent from £7.8 million to £11.3 million in the half year to end-June.

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H&C advance

Harrisons & Crossfield shares jumped 17p to 663p as the plantations group surprised the market with a 46 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £52 million in the first half to June 30.

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£3m for TSW

TSW—Television South West Holdings—the independent television company announced a 20 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £3 million on turnover up 11.1 per cent at £36 million for the year to July 31.

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones 2102.08 (down)
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 27405.49 (-95.53)
Hong Kong
Hang Seng 2417.42 (+1.89)
Amsterdam
Amsterdam GMI 274.5 (-1.9)
Sydney
Sydney AO 1811.8 (-12.0)
Frankfurt
Frankfurt DAX 1867.8 (+8.4)
Brussels
Brussels C20 8372.9 (+18.7)
Paris
Paris CAC 3793.8 (-4.3)
Zurich
Zurich SIK 480.5 (-1.9)
London
FT-30 Share 1471.7 (+14.1)
FT-100 1826.3 (+19.0)
Gold Mines 173.0 (+0.2)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISER:
P&O 385p (+10p)
Investment Dist 365p (+20p)
Scottish & New 352p (+11p)
Bass 780p (+8p)
Dunelm 225p (+11p)
ECC 265p (+11p)
M&P Group 265p (+10p)
Monotype 185p (+22p)
Reckitt & Colman 917p (+10p)
T. Robinson 185p (+10p)
Caird Group 292p (+10p)
Glen Alder 683p (+13p)
CE Heath 437p (+10p)
Greenland House 440p (+10p)
Williams Holdings 272p (+11p)
Wolsey 244p (+10p)
FALLS:
Dorset 210p (-17p)
Grainor 472p (-27p)
Medical Bar 322p (-10p)
Wingworth 198p (-19p)
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Bargains 233p

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Rate 12%
3-month interbank 12 1/2-12%
3-month eligible bills 11 1/2-11 3/4%
tender rate
US Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 7 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bill 7 1/4-7 3/4%
30-year bonds 100-102 1/2

CURRENCIES

London
£/\$ 1.6960
£/DM 1.5827
£/SwF 1.5832
£/FF 1.7626
£/Yen 168.47
£/Index 75.8
ECU 10.56486 SD 0.76542

GOLD

London Fixing
AM 307.25 pm 305.45
Date 305.75-306.25 (233.25-233.75)
New York
Comex 305.20-305.70

NORTH SEA OIL

Brack (Nov.) pm \$11.40bbl (\$11.8b)
* Domestic input trading price

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STOCK WATCH

● Market news on Stock-watch yesterday included:

Travis and Arnold (01865) soared 73p on rival bids while one bidder, Sandell Perkins (02104), added 3p.

Grand Metropolitan (01027) slipped 6p as bid target Pillsbury went to court.

Invergorrdon Distillers (01688) surged 25p with a possible management buyout.

Properties saw Helical Bar (01759) slip 15p despite an increase in interim profits.

London International (02221) gained 8p on bid hopes.

● Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

BP could buy own shares in Kuwait selloff

By John Bell, City Editor

British Petroleum is thought to be actively considering a plan to buy in a substantial part of the £1.7 billion of its own shares due to be sold by the Kuwait Government over the next 12 months.

Meanwhile, the Kuwait Investment Office, still angry at the Government's order to reduce its BP stake from 21.6 per cent to 9.9 per cent, was believed to be considering an appeal to the European Commission.

The report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which recommended the cut, came as a surprise, but was endorsed by Lord Young of Gramham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

Sir Peter Walters, the BP chairman, said this week that his group's shares were undervalued by up to 25 per cent compared with comparable investments in leading US oil companies. A buy-in by BP of part of the Kuwait holding would greatly simplify the task of an orderly disposal at a time when crude oil prices are at their lowest for some time and likely to remain weak.

The buy-in plan would have to overcome a number of taxation complexities. But at this stage these are not thought

to be of sufficient scale to rule out a buy-in.

Last night the company would make no official comment. But BP is known to have discussed possible means of helping an orderly marketing of the Kuwait holding with its City advisers, well before Tuesday's government ruling that a forced sale must take place.

City sources suggest that provisional buyers, including leading Japanese institutions,

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were lined up for about 7 per cent of BP. This would have reduced the Kuwait holding to below 15 per cent.

BP would be able to purchase the extra 5 per cent required to be sold, after gaining permission from shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting. But the plan would also need approval from the City Takeover Panel to ensure the KIO was not unduly favoured above other shareholders.

It is thought the KIO will not decide immediately on plans for a sale. Mr Michael Walters, of the KIO's London lawyer Stephenson Harwood, said the MMC report was being carefully studied for its

full implications. He stressed that no options were being ruled out. Meanwhile, there was speculation that a number of leading securities houses were considering proposals of their own for an orderly marketing of the KIO stake. Among those said to be involved was Kleinwort Grieveson, the largest London market maker in oil shares, Salomon Brothers and Nomura.

Whitehall was yesterday attempting to soothe Gulf opinion which was hostile to the treatment handed out to Kuwait over its BP investment.

A Foreign Office spokesman said: "The British Government has no desire to see commercial matters spill out into a broader political relationship." However, one British government source said privately: "The Kuwaitis will certainly be disgruntled. In hindsight, Britain could have let Kuwait know in more certain terms what was likely to happen."

Britain's ambassador to Kuwait, Mr Peter Hinchcliffe, has formally passed on the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's findings to the government there, but it has so far not responded, the Foreign Office said.

Jakarta threat to lift output

By Colin Narborough

Indonesia, a key member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, yesterday accused other OPEC members of creating a world glut by over-producing, and warned it would go its own way if there was no change.

The warning, from Mr Gungar Kartasumita, the Indonesian energy minister, coupled with a call by Jakarta for an emergency meeting of OPEC, deepened the crisis mood created by Monday's

threat from Saudi Arabia that it would boost production if other producers continued to ignore agreed quotas.

Fears of higher production helped send the price of North Sea Brent as low as \$11.35 (\$6.59) a barrel in early trading yesterday. It ended 25 cents below Tuesday. On the New York Mercantile Exchange crude oil futures dropped 70 cents to the lowest level seen in 26 months, while big US oil companies said they were cutting \$1 off the bench-

mark price they pay for crude.

News that Indonesia could start lifting more oil has confirmed the market view that the fundamentals for oil are pointing down, as long as OPEC is unable to reach a consensus over production levels.

The organization's pricing and long-range strategy committees are due to hold a joint session later this month but Mr Kartasumita said he thought there was a case for a full emergency meeting.

Clowes blocks liquidator's sale of \$2.5m luxury yacht

By Lawrence Laver

Mr Peter Clowes, the former head of the Barlow Clowes crashed fund management group, is blocking the sale of the Boukephalos, the \$2.5 million (£1.47 million) luxury yacht which was purchased with money from a Barlow Clowes client account.

An application to force through a sale of the boat—once owned by Tina O'neill and named after Alexander the Great's horse—has been made to the Gibraltar courts by Ernst & Whinney, the joint liquidator of Barlow Clowes.

E&W has received approximately 12 conditional offers for the boat, with the highest pitched at \$2.3 million. However, Mr Clowes is refusing to give his consent for the sale, claiming that a price of \$2.5 million is achievable.

The Boukephalos forms part of the assignment of Mr Clowes' personal assets over to the liquidators in June. Although it was purchased with money from a client's account, Mr Clowes has maintained that the money was his.

It was purchased for \$2.5 million and Mr Clowes added many expensive gimmicks including speed boats and



Recalled: The Boukephalos, whose sale is being blocked, was not a full signing-over of control. Mr Clowes merely agreed not to dispose of the assets without the liquidators' consent. They, in turn, agreed not to sell them without the consent of either Mr Clowes or his lawyers. The assignment also allowed Mr Clowes £1,000 a week living expenses.

The problems in selling the Boukephalos have highlighted the weaknesses of the assignment of Mr Clowes' personal assets to the liquidators in June. It has now emerged that this

GrandMet 'in for a long battle' over \$5bn bid



Feed wars: GrandMet's chief Allen Sheppard confronts Pillsbury's not-so-jolly Green Giant

Pillsbury begins takeover defence

By Carol Ferguson

The Pillsbury Company, the US Burger King and Green Giant canned food group under attack by Grand Metropolitan in a \$5.23 billion (£3.1 billion) takeover battle, fired its opening shots for the defence yesterday.

Describing GrandMet as "a British liquor distiller and betting and gaming company," Mr Philip Smith, Pillsbury's chairman and chief executive, said that his board would conduct a thorough evaluation of the offer and would communicate its recommendation directly to its shareholders. He urged shareholders to take no action until the board had responded "in due course" to the offer.

Mr Colin Davies, an analyst at Goldman Sachs, the brokers, said that the Pillsbury statement "lacked conviction." He said: "They have been to the courts, but they do that without thinking in the US."

Pillsbury has filed suits in 13 states, claiming that if GrandMet acquires the US group it will violate state liquor statutes which prohibit liquor manufacturers from owning retail liquor outlets.

Through Heublein, GrandMet manufactures Smirnoff vodka, and distributes J&B Rare whisky. In addition, its ownership of the Almada vineyards gives it 12.5 per cent of the US wine market.

GrandMet, which as yet owns virtually no Pillsbury shares, said that it does not believe the litigation will be an obstacle. Under the statutes, it would be illegal for GrandMet to own Pillsbury's licensed restaurants—the Steak and Ale and Bennigan's chains, which together comprise 380 full-service restaurants. The group has stated that it intends to sell both chains to satisfy US regulatory requirements.

Temporary restraining orders have already been issued by courts in seven states to prevent GrandMet from acquiring any more Pillsbury stock. The states are Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Missouri. GrandMet's attempt in a Delaware court to stop these actions has been rejected.

Pillsbury has appointed Binns Cornwell as its London public relations consultant, and a spokesman yesterday compared the offer with BAT's takeover of Farmers, which lasted nearly six months due to Farmers' attempts to stop the bid by legal means. "The company considers it will be a long drawn-out battle," the spokesman said.

Fears grow for City jobs as Stock Exchange cuts staff

By Our City Staff

Fears of substantial job losses in the City grew yesterday after The International Stock Exchange disclosed a 15 per cent cut in permanent staff.

The SE cutbacks are due to the continuing low levels of business, and the decision suggests that no early upturn in activity is expected.

A number of securities houses have put off decisions on staffing levels to see to what extent business would pick up after the traditionally slow summer period.

Despite the high level of takeover activity which has stimulated trade in individual shares, the underlying level of business is barely one-third of that for which the firms planned when they built their "Big Bang" dealing rooms.

The situation has been made worse by the actions of

some houses in effectively "price-cutting"—narrowing their trading margins to grab a larger share of the scant business available.

While there is considerable uncertainty about the likely extent of the staff cut-backs, few doubt that substantial savings are needed by most of the leading major houses. But it is expected that the job cuts are likely to will come in small packages as individual teams are slimmed down, rather than in mass redundancies.

Much of the reduction will be achieved by natural wastage, as brokers are released from their "golden handcuffs" and either retire or take jobs outside the City.

Stock Exchange settlement operations were planned for a maximum capacity of 40,000 bargains a day, but in recent

weeks, trade has been at an average of about 20,000 bargains.

The move will mean a reduction in the 640 staff working at the department of between 85 and 95 people, mostly in clerical positions. Those affected deal with paper-based systems involving share transfer documents.

Reductions, arising from a review of costs and expenditure conducted by Mr Jeffrey Knight, the chief executive, can be achieved through redeployment, early retirement and voluntary redundancy, the exchange says. The move is expected to produce "substantial savings".

The exchange would not say if the settlement operations were currently running at a loss.

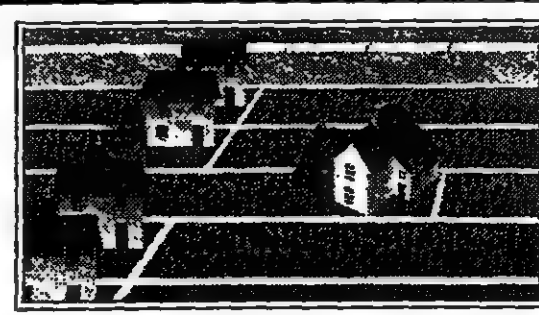
Bejam profits rise 3.2% to £24.3 million

Bejam Group, the frozen food retailing chain, had a disappointing last year, reporting pre-tax profits up 3.2 per cent to £24.3 million on turnover up 6.4 per cent to £529 million.

The main reason for the poor results was the disappointing level of sales in freezer centres. While on a like-for-like basis sales rose 1 per cent last year, after adjusting for price inflation volumes were down 2 per cent.

Earnings per share rose 5.6 per cent to 12.38p and the final dividend was increased by 0.25p to 2.75p net.

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Question mark over Minorco seats on ConsGold board

The art of wearing any number of hats

By Colin Campbell

Wearing two hats at the same time is an art in itself. Wearing three or more is a particular art as the two Minorco directors currently sitting on Consolidated Gold Fields' board—Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson and Mr Neil Clarke—undoubtedly realise.

By the nature of the Minorco bid for ConsGold, they must find themselves in something of a compromising position. Both sit on a board of a company which is being bid for, on a board of a company which is making the bid, and both sit on boards of not dissimilar companies.

Mr Ogilvie Thompson is chairman of Minorco, chairman of De Beers, joint deputy chairman of Anglo American, and a director of Charter. He joined the ConsGold board in 1980. Mr Clarke is deputy chairman of Charter Consolidated, a director of Minorco, and a director of Anglo American. He joined the ConsGold board in 1981.

Because of the hostile £2.9 billion bid

for ConsGold by Minorco, should they resign from the ConsGold board or face the possibility of being removed at the November 2 annual meeting?

Mr Clarke spoke on the telephone to The Times yesterday, so it was not possible to see which hat he was wearing. But he admitted that it was "indeed a delicate matter".

However, he agreed it was not tenable to attend to the affairs of ConsGold in relation to Minorco developments, and therefore he had not attended recent board meetings. But he believed he could remain a director in relation to other ConsGold business.

Mr Ogilvie Thompson was travelling in a jeep near Windhoek, Namibia, where the weather was reportedly too hot to wear anything other than a sun hat, so his comments were unavailable.

Mr Ogilvie Thompson and Mr Neil Clarke joined the ConsGold board as a consequence of the 1980 "dawn raid" on ConsGold by Anglo American and De Beers. The Anglo/De Beers stake was

later transferred to Minorco, which collected a 29 per cent stake. One immediate reaction to Minorco's offer was for Mr Rudolph Agnew, ConsGold chairman, to resign from the Anglo board.

The distinction is that Mr Agnew joined Anglo's board as a courtesy to a request, not because of a dawn raid.

The finer point is that while Mr Ogilvie Thompson and Mr Clarke are on ConsGold's board as sole representatives of Minorco, they are also there for the best interests of ALL shareholders.

ConsGold admitted yesterday that under its articles of association there were circumstances under which a director could be removed from office. (Madness and bankruptcy do not apply here.)

It now awaits replies to demands under section 212 of the Companies Act and is preparing its presentation to the Office of Fair Trading later this week arguing that Minorco ownership would be against British interests.

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	Calls			Puts			Calls			Puts		
	Strike	Oct	Jan	Strike	Oct	Jan	Strike	Oct	Jan	Strike	Oct	Jan
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Bayer	700	30	62	75	15	15	700	30	135	12	21	21
Bayer	740	30	62	75	15	15	740	30	135	12	21	21
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Takeovers help Grampian to near-doubled £3.18m

By Michael Tate

Near-doubled pre-tax profits of £3.18 million in the first half of 1988 indicate that Mr. Bill Hughes is finally beginning to make real headway with Grampian Holdings, the Mire football and Moffat Woollens to animal drugs and road haulage micro-conglomerate he took on at the beginning of the decade.

The profit figure, which compares with £1.64 million a year ago, shows organic growth of 48.1 per cent, despite a £485,000 loss from its retail operations.

The Moffat business has not been the same since the big-spending Americans stopped coming to this country three years ago. A quarter of them were on all-expenses-paid incentive trips, and accounted for half the dollars that went through the group's shops.

It left Grampian with a chain of overstocked outlets. Now, five of its 25 Moffat shops have been closed, less-expensive product lines have been introduced, new computer systems have been installed, and in May, the group acquired Philochry Knitwear, Moffat's main competitor.

Philochry broke even in its first two months as part of the group, while first-half trading losses from Moffat were virtually repeated at £261,000.



Eagle-eyed: Grampian's Bill Hughes puts at Glencairg

Grampian's three other divisions are all surging ahead. Despite fierce competition, WH Malcolm road haulage is steady, says Mr. Hughes, reporting profits of £1.09 million against £985,000 before, on a turnover of £12.2 million. Haulage, like retail, is "one of our cash cows," says Mr. Hughes.

Sports goods sales, boosted by the acquisition of the French Patrick business, more than doubled, from £8.2 million to £20 million, and produced profits of £1.21 million against £884,000. Mire has continued its consistent growth, with orders and sales significantly ahead of last year, while sales of Grampian's Ben Sayers golf clubs are 30 per cent up on year ago, and taking a bigger slice of the market. Benfield Golf also achieved excellent increases.

Veterinary pharmaceuticals, Mr. Hughes' first love — he once headed Guinness's animal drugs division — produced profits of £1.65 million on a turnover of £12.6 million. Last time, profits were just £334,000 on a turnover of £2.5 million.

Grampian's earnings per share are up by 63 per cent at 5.94p, and the interim dividend rises from 1.25p to 1.7p a share.

Finlay begins recovery with £4.5m

By Graham Scarlett

James Finlay, the Glasgow tea and oil and financial services group, has begun a marked recovery after three years of decline. A better performance by virtually all main businesses, and reduced losses from the North Sea oil service interests, converted a £115,000 loss in the first half of 1987 into a pre-tax profit of £4.5 million this year.

The profit includes a

£595,000 gain on the sale of Finlay's holding in British Caledonian, when it was bought by British Airways, and a small profit on the £2 million (£1.16 million) sale of some US oil and gas interests. The half-year profit is well up on the £3.1 million pre-tax recorded for the whole of 1987, but the group made an annual pre-tax profit of almost £38 million in 1984.

The interim dividend has been maintained at 2p per

share from earnings up from 0.7p to 2.5p per share.

Oil service losses dropped from £3 million to £1.2 million because of sales of older supply vessels, although demand remains low. Losses on oil and gas interests dropped from £1 million to £355,000.

Plantation profits increased from £771,000 to £1.6 million. As usual the half-time figures exclude Bangladesh which contributed £460,000 for the whole of last year. A record tea

crop is expected in Bangladesh despite the floods, which have mainly affected transport. Confectionery, financial services and trading all contributed higher profits.

The company says re-organization and restructuring will be reflected in better second-half profits, but notes that a return to significant profits is inhibited by the low price of tea and the fall in the price of oil. James Finlay shares edged down 4p to 115p.

Jerome raising £3.5m to buy tweed producer

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

S Jerome, the Yorkshire worsted spinner, is raising £3.5 million from its shareholders to finance the £1.85 million acquisition of Gardiner of Selkirk, a Scottish tweed producer, and pay off part of the group overdraft. The cash is being raised on a one-for-four basis at 235p a share.

News of the issue accompanied half-year figures showing pre-tax profits up from £872,000 to £1.16 million and a 33 per cent increase in earnings a share from 9.8p to

12.8p. The interim dividend goes up from 2p to 2.6p.

Jerome has spent £4.8 million re-equipping its weaving and spinning operations during the last three and a half years and the benefits are now showing through, with record orders from the high street tailors. First-half expenditure this year was £2.5 million, but it is now tailing off.

Gardiner made profits of £364,000 in the half-year to end-July, but traditionally expects a second-half loss.

Laing raises dividend on £11m at half time

By Alexandra Jackson

Laing Properties had pre-tax profits of £11 million (£9.6 million) in the half-year to end June. There is a dividend of 4.5p, up from 4p last time, and the shares rose 8p to 519p.

Half of Laing's portfolio in Britain with the rest split equally between the US and Canada. Investment income rose to £16.5 million from £14.5 million.

Income from property trading activities stood at £1.9 million (£2 million). Laing is expected to publish a revalua-

tion of its property portfolio by year-end to reflect the rise in the asset value since the last revaluation in 1986. City analysts are anticipating a figure approaching 600p.

Mr. Elliot Bernard, chairman of Chelsfield, the private property company, has taken a stake of more than 5 per cent in Laing Properties. City commentators, are not expecting a Chelsfield bid for Laing, which is due to announce a \$40 million (£23.6 million) project in the US.

Coal fund's TRIG bid escapes referral

The Office of Fair Trading will not refer the £560 million takeover bid for TR Industrial and General trust by the British Coal Pension Funds to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

This represents a considerable blow to TRIG, the flagship trust of Touche Renzant fund management group and the country's third largest investment trust. TRIG asserts that the future of the whole investment trust industry will be thrown into question if the BCPF bid succeeds.

BCPF is expected to increase its 129.5p takeover offer to nearer the £614 million net asset value of TRIG.

Salvesen buy

Christian Salvesen, the food distribution to brickmaking group, has purchased WH Collier, a Colchester, Essex, brickmaker for £3.7 million. It is also buying 60 per cent of Semo Transportation, a US truck company.

Record year

John Mawdsley Group, the housebuilder and industrial property developer, increased pre-tax profits by 56 per cent to a record £4.77 million in the year to June 30.

Designer slips

Blanchards, the USM-quoted interior designer, made a pre-tax loss of £1.79 million against last year's profits of £562,000, for the year to June 30.

Beckman drop

A Beckman, the textile company, reported an 18 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £1.36 million on turnover up 18 per cent to £15.39 million for the year to June 30.

Finlan sale

Finlan Group, the property developer, has sold its leasehold interest in a 20,000 sq ft office building in Poland Street, London, W1, for £5.7 million.

Hunter Saphir

Hunter Saphir, the fresh food supplier, plans to sell its canned foods business which comprises HS Foods and Haigh, Castle.

Plant closure

Dobson Park Industries, the mining equipment manufacturer, is closing its mining supplies plant at Doncaster.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Guinness tactic shows a touch of pure genius

A hard business nose might have been needed for Guinness to support its own share price, openly and with sums totalling more than £80 million, in the aftermath of the Guinness Affair. But the management has learned a thing or two from the group's brushes with the arbitrageurs, in particular that there is money to be made from buying at one price and selling at another.

Guinness is one of countless major companies that feel their shares are too lowly rated by the stock market. British Petroleum is another, and virtually the whole of the retail sector is upset enough about its share ratings to at least give an audience to the battalions of bankers doing the rounds with buyout ideas for the management to consider. But where Guinness is different from most is that it has undertaken a systematic and well-executed programme of buying its own shares in the market, having taken the trouble to ask its shareholders first.

At the last count, Guinness had picked up 27.7 million shares at an average price of 303p. It has the power to go up to 10 per cent of the capital at the time the authority was taken, which puts a ceiling of about 80 million shares on the buying programme before a fresh mandate is required. The purchases are made for all the standard reasons: to remove "loose" stock from the market,

to enhance earnings per share, and to strengthen the position of remaining shareholders.

But where Guinness looks really clever is that the French group, Moët-Hennessy Louis Vuitton, has recently subscribed for 91 million Guinness shares at 430p. Thus if Guinness completes its buying-in programme it will finish up with only a fractional increase in the share capital and a "profit" of nearly 130p a share between the issue price and the buy-back price. Looked at another way, Guinness could reduce the effective cost of its own £393 million reciprocal investment in LVMH to nearer £300 million.

Guinness shares, for all the management's dissatisfaction with the current price, have performed better than the drinks sector as a whole, which, considering that earnings per share growth in the current year will at best be in the middle of the sector league table, speaks volumes for the benign effect a well-conducted buying-in programme can have.

BP has no doubt studied the effects of the programme, and if it were to make an early announcement in connection with the Kuwait Investment Office holding it could remove a long shadow from its own share price, to the benefit of all its shareholders.

Market senses rates at peak

Little under a year ago, the prospect of BP stock being unloaded on the market contributed to a mood of despair. Yesterday, the market responded to the prospect of the Kuwait Investment Office's forced sale of the majority of its BP stake with equanimity.

Shares have been underpinned by the view, which has gained strength since the publication of the trade figures last week, that base rates may now hold at 12 per cent for a while, and that the next move, while perhaps not for several months, will be down. The FT-SE 100 index gained 19 points to 1,826.3.

As we said last week, there remains the danger of figures or events which will shake up the base rate picture again. Principal among these is the threat to sterling of bad inflation and trade numbers. But the pound has been rock steady in recent days. And so many people are on the alert for a winter sterling crisis that, like a watched pot, it may not actually boil.

For the moment, the money markets have lost heart for attempting another upward assault on base rates, while the Chancellor has invested some of his political reputation in keeping rates at 12 per cent. Just as he cannot possibly deliver a base rate cut for the Tory Party

Conference next week, so another rise this winter would be an embarrassment.

The markets and the Chancellor are thus, unusually, at one. The money markets have been persuaded by the Bank of England that any hopes of an early rate cut should be snuffed out, while the Chancellor knows he cannot risk trimming rates at a time when inflation is rising.

If 12 per cent is the peak, when could rates conceivably come down? In the past, crisis increases in interest rates have usually not lasted for very long — in both July 1984 and January 1985, part of the rise was reversed within weeks.

This time, it has been slightly different, with the rate rises being for domestic rather than exchange rate considerations. Only when the economy appears to be slowing can rates safely be eased and, with consumer spending looking good until Christmas, that may have to wait until next year.

The institutions have continued to move extremely cautiously towards the idea of actually committing funds to the market. Even now, those who are tempted to dip a toe in the water are frightened of getting it bitten off.

But the bid activity of the past week has lived things up, to the point where the bulls are slowly re-emerging.

Hoskyns says recovery has far to go

By Colin Narbhough

Sir John Hoskyns, director general of the Institute of Directors, has cautioned against over-rating the extent of Britain's recovery.

"No one can be sure that the United Kingdom will succeed in rejoining the advanced industrial nations as a full member," he said in a speech to the Energy Industries Council dinner last night.

"We have barely reached

the point of economic turnaround."

But Sir John, a former member of the Downing Street policy unit, said what had changed was that the economy was becoming stronger, and had benefited from innovative government. He urged the business community to give serious attention to the question of pay, which was still settled on a collective basis.

Applauding Mrs Thatcher's

recent attack on Brussels' drive for a harmonized European Economic Community, he said there was enormous potential danger in the 1992 internal market programme.

"Many sincere Europeans seem committed to building a sort of Community old people's home for the 21st century," he said, "while our global competitors seem to be training on some sort of Outward Bound course — and they're bound in our direction."

Sir John said the European partners had a long way to go to match the industrialized Pacific basin countries, and Britain had to argue for, and explain, the benefits of a free economy.

But, he said, Britain needed its own perestroika, or fundamental restructuring, to ensure a place in the big league of industrial nations, and it should be careful about lecturing others before undertaking such a programme at home.

Cumming back to the lore

Robert Cumming, aged 27, the ex-Philips share retail analyst who turned down a £150,000-a-year job offer from Salomon Brothers to go off and become a barrister, after complaining that stockbroking was not intellectually stimulating, seems to have discovered his niche at last. Cumming left the Square Mile at the beginning of August, just as he had reached third place in the ranking of stores analysts by Institutional Investor, and began his law course at City University. And he intends to complete the three-year course. But in the interim, he plans to launch a school which will specialize in training stockbrokers and fund managers in all aspects of their job. "I worked in the City for five years and during that time I came to realize that formal training there is minimal," he tells me. "Some of the fund managers I had to talk to often didn't understand what I or my colleagues had to say, and I have put together a curriculum based on my own experiences." His fledgling company, called Practical Training, will hold its first five-day course at the Tower Hotel, in London, in December. Firm bookings have already been made for seven of the 10 available places, despite the £700 per head fee. Indeed, so positive has the response been that Cumming is planning other courses at Easter and next summer, after his exams.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Carey face of business

The celebration of Morgan Grenfell's 150th anniversary this week threw the merchant bank's chairman, the amiable Sir Peter Carey, back into the political arena. For, to mark the occasion, Carey handed over a cheque for £250,000 to the Tower Hamlets Centre for Small Business, part of a more extensive programme to help regenerate London's East End. Receiving the cheque on behalf of the centre was Tony Newton, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the

minister responsible for the inner cities. The ceremony revived memories of George Peabody, Morgan Grenfell's founder, who began his second career as a philanthropist by establishing the original Spitalfields Estate, and also recalled Carey's own political past — he was, of course, once permanent under secretary at the DTI — and one of them finished that Carey was used as the basis for Sir Humphrey Appleby, the character in Yes, Prime Minister.

Missing link

What a way to run a merger, London Life, the troubled mutual life assurance group which is determined to merge with Australian Mutual Provident, last week sent out merger documents to some 110,000 policy-holders. As the

policy-holders have to vote on the matter, the documents pointed out that proxy voting forms were also enclosed. The only trouble was, they were not. Someone had forgotten to put them in, and the printer received the blame. The printing firm is now having to foot an additional postage bill of £20,900 for the 110,000 forms.

False alarm

A few heartbeats must have gone missing at Minor's London office on Tuesday afternoon, just minutes after the release of its offer document for ConsGold. A police car screeched to a halt outside, and two burly coppers dashed up to the executive offices. There was much relief when it was learned that a security alarm system had been inadvertently activated.

Birdwood in hand

Lord Birdwood, the House of Lords' own defence expert, who saw active service in Cyprus when he was with the Horse Guards, has become a non-executive director of the small but flourishing computer personnel specialist, Comac, quoted on the Third Market. Mike Winsley, the chief executive of Comac, which specializes in supplying security-screened computer programmers and suchlike for work in the defence and science industries, was introduced to Lord Birdwood by Ian Fenn, head of corporate finance at Strauss Turnbull, Comac's broker. His appointment strengthens the company's board ahead of its planned graduation to the USM next year and, although Comac's interim figures, due to be announced next week, will, as anticipated, show a small loss, the company is still on target to satisfy stock market expectations of profits of £60,000 by the year-end. Lord Birdwood, aged 48, is an ex-Radley and Trinity College, Cambridge, man, and works from an office in his Chelsea home where he runs his own executive search company, Martel — named after the bird depicted on his family coat-of-arms.

As last, The Japanese have come up with an invention that cannot catch on. A Tokyo company called Roadrunner plans to sell, for about £550, a car rear-view mirror with a built-in liquid crystal colour television set. Still, think about those traffic jams...

Carol Leonard

"I predict that in five years, we'll have 30% fewer life companies.

The market place in the new environment will be dominated by major players run by experienced and innovative management teams offering wide and competitive product ranges, first-class administration, service and investment performance — as well as having financial muscle and a good, well-known company name."

MIKE WILSON, Group Chief Executive of Allied Dunbar, at the Westminster and City Programmes Conference, 14th June, 1988.

"If 'merge for strength' is a shorthand expression of the financial benefits which can accrue to mutuals, then the boards of mutual offices cannot afford to overlook any opportunity if they wish to secure the future of their companies."

RT. HON. LORD JENKIN of Roding, Chairman, Friends Provident, at Westminster and City Programmes Conference, 14th June, 1988.

"HEAR, HEAR"

Proposals for a merger between London Life and the Australian Mutual Provident Society are fully described in the document dated 27th September, 1988, which has

been sent to London Life members and policyholders. If you are a member, your vote is important; you may use the proxy card sent to you or the coupon below to cast it.

LONDON LIFE

Established 1906

London Life is a member of LIAUTO

THE LONDON LIFE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

FORM OF PROXY

Extraordinary General Meeting

I, the undersigned, being a member of The London Life Association Limited ("London Life"), hereby appoint the Chairman of the meeting See Note (1).

as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf at the extraordinary general meeting of London Life to be held at Cinema 1, Barbican Centre, Barbican, London EC2Y 8DS at 12.00 noon on 19th October 1988, and at any adjournment thereof. I direct that my vote(s) be cast on the special resolution as indicated in the box below.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION
(Details of the resolution can be found in the circular to members and policyholders dated 27th September 1988)

For ☐ Against ☐

Full Name

Dated

1988

Which capacity please state

Signature

To facilitate the administration of the meeting it would be helpful if you would state your Preference Club membership number (or current policy number).

Preference Club Number

or

Current Policy Number

NOTES

(1) A member entitled to attend and vote at the extraordinary general meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and, on a poll, vote on his or her behalf. To appoint a proxy a person other than the Chairman of the meeting, please state the words "the Chairman of the meeting", and insert the full name and address of your proxy in the space provided and initial the alteration.

(2) To be valid this form of proxy and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notary certified copy of such power or authority, must be deposited with the Secretary of London Life at the Registered Office (100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA) not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the meeting or adjourned meeting. (3) A proxy need not be a member of London Life. In order to represent you he or she must attend the meeting in person. (4) Unless otherwise directed, the proxy will abstain or vote as he or she thinks fit. (5) If you have any questions about this form of proxy please telephone 0800 771111 (free) and ask for the Merger Helpdesk.

STOCK MARKET

S&N chased higher ahead of visit from Foster's chief

As we all work in Lloyd's it was with dismay that we read Nicholas' latest epistle published on 29th September. The family has served the insurance industry, in some instances with great distinction, for several generations.

Which strong Pound????
Yours faithfully,
D. G. FRANKLIN,
David Franklin Ltd,
Lerpiziere House,
121 Kennington Road,
London SE11.
September 29.

When these same people die their house forms a large — and for the moment rapidly rising — part of their estate, which the Crown promptly taxes by way of inheritance

effort if mortgages were given no tax relief, and a person's principal residence could be bequeathed free of inheritance tax? I appreciate that this reduction in accounting and avoidance might put some building society, Inland Revenue and insurance company

anxieties, before withdrawing cash, either over the counter, or from dispensing machines?

Yours faithfully,
D. L. ROBERTS,
Manor Lodge Cottage,
6 Straight Road,
Old Windsor, Berkshire.
September 29.

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Dealers scurried to cover short positions in a rising market as speculators shrugged aside the Grand Metropolitan rights issue and the expected reduction of the

Acorn Inv	53
BWSS (118p)	118 -1
Bucknell Aust (110p)	118
Builder Gp (125p)	161
Caldwell Inv	38
Christie Gp (146p)	166 +1
Colonade	158

TOP ISSUES

Cannon St N/P	20
EBC Gp N/P	4
Elliott (B) N/P	11 +3
Ellis & Eversard N/P	18
First Tech N/P	22 +2
Honorair N/P	67 -5
Kanyon N/P	13 +3
Lynx Tech N/P	6 +8
Thompson Clave NP	125 -1
Wace N/P	25

(Issue price in brackets).

Allied Colloids, the chemicals group, rose 3p to 137 1/2 amid stake-building speculation.

**Michael Clark and
Geoffrey Foster**

Chrysler	31%	30%	Lockport
Chrysler	42%	43%	Long Star
Chrysler	24%	34%	Manhattan
Chrysler	26%	35%	Martini
Chrysler	28%	28%	Mazda
Chrysler	42%	43%	Martini
Chrysler	45%	44%	McMurry
Chrysler	44%	44%	McMurry

Detroit Inc.	75%	74%	ML Industries	82%
Digital Eq.	82	82%	Nat Med Ind	82%
Disney	84%	84%	Nat Steel	82%
Dow Chem	88%	87%	Norfolk S	82%
Dresser Ind	28%	28%	NW Bancorp	82%
Dupont	80%	81%	Oakland P	82%
Duke Power	45%	45%	Ogden Co	82%
East Kodak	45%	45%	Olden Co	82%
Edison Co	52%	52%	PPG Ind	82%
Emerson E	25%	30	Pric Brink	82%
Energy Air	5%	5%	Pac Gas E	82%
Eschsch	44	44%	Pan Am	82%
Fairch Inc	11%	11%	Pennsylvania	82%

40%	40%	Un. Vint.	37%	37%
32%	32%	Un. Tech	41%	41%
28%	28%	Unocal	34%	34%
2%	1%	Warn Lamb	73%	73%
54%	54%	Wells Far	69%	69%
30%	30%	Westy El	62%	62%
41%	42%	Weyerhae	24%	24%
28%	28%	Wingwood	25%	25%

8%	22%	Con. Indus.	14%	24%
22%	22%	Hank S Can	22%	21%
4%	8%	Hud Bay M	18%	18%
29%	29%	Inasco	25%	26%
33%	33%	Imperial Oil	40%	39%
25%	25%	Inco	37%	39%
30%	29%	Royal Trlica	18	16%
45	45%	Seagram	67%	67%
43%	43%	Shelco 'A'	35%	41%
45%	45%	Thomson 'A'	20%	20%
18%	17	Varsity Co	3.25	3.2
2%	2%	WCT	18%	18%
50%	50%	Weston	54%	53%

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EQUITIES		
Acorn Inc		
BNSF (118)	83	
Buckwalter Auto (710p)	118	
Builder Co (125p)	151	
Calwall Inc	106	
Crutcher Corp (146p)	153	
Colomado	153	
Cotney (150p)	110	
Cupid	110	
Ernsting Group (185p)	108	
European Center	108	
Herrage (15p)	136	
Herring Son (150p)	142	
Hill Top Sports	142	
Lincoln Group (115p)	118	
Mitsubishi Bank	118	
Nat Telecom	148	
Pennstar Fringe	121	
Perstarstar	148	
Rockford	148	
Sanderson Elec (130p)	148	
SEC Corp	119	
Seminar-R (80p)	119	
Soft Tape (15p)	118	
Specialties	118	
Tamara	118	
Texas (John) (80p)	118	
Thompson (125p)	118	
Zurich Bank	118	
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Canon Sci N/P		20
SEC Co N/P		20
Elliot (B) N/P		11 +3
Elis & Evenden N/P		15
First Nat N/P		22 +2
Kane & Co N/P		81 +2
Kompan N/P		13 +2
Lytek N/P		14 +2
Thompson & Cline N/P		125 +1
Waco N/P		25
(Issue prices in brackets).		

Degrees awarded by London University

APPOINTMENT

Tenant Part
Coordinator

Preceding Self M
the heart of the
house - performance

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Starting index compared with 1975 was same at 75.8 (day's range 75.8-75.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

OTHER STEERING RATES

Market rates for October 5

	Range	Close	1 month
New York	1,0910-11,0950	1,0935-11,0935	0.53-0.55p
London	1,2405-12,404	1,2405-12,405	0.53-0.54p
Amsterdam	3,5508-3,5581	3,5537-3,5575	6 1/4p
Brussels	65.97-66	65.97-66	5 1/2p
Frankfurt	12,12-12,12	12,12-12,12	4 1/2p
Dublin	1,1758-1,1759	1,1758-1,1759	5 1/2p
Geneva	1,1845-1,1845	1,1845-1,1845	5 1/2p
Lisbon	255.72-256.18	255.72-256.18	2 1/2p
Madrid	220.29-220.91	220.29-220.85	18-3p
Paris	220.29-220.91	220.29-220.85	18-3p
Oslo	11,5516-11,5518	11,5550-11,5578	3 1/4p
Paris	10,7379-10,7387	10,7450-10,7505	4-4 1/2p
Stockholm	1,2105-1,2105	1,2105-1,2105	4 1/2p
Tokyo	222.62-222.67	222.65-222.67	1 1/2p
Vienna	12.16-22.23	22.00-22.23	12p-11 1/2p
Zurich	2,912-2,912	2,912-2,912	5 1/2p
Forward	Discount = 60.		

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

England	1,2585-1,2600	Denmark	1,1670-1,1700
France	1,1915-1,1915	W Germany	1,850-1,1850
Italy	2,6840-2,6850	Y Germany	1,260-1,260
Australia	1,2606-1,2625	Netherlands	2,1032-2,1042
Canada	1,2606-1,2625	Belgium	0,580-0,580
Sweden	1,3000-1,3020	Japan	153.00-158.70
Norway	0,8960-0,8960		

Rates supplied by Reuters Bank HOFEX and Exat.

Argentina sterling	24,940-25,000
Australia dollar	0.1397-0.1408
Bahran dollar	0.0385-0.0404
Brazil cruzado	0.0245-0.0245
Cyprus pound	0.61-0.61
Falant marae	7,4175-7,4175
Greek drachma	252.45-257.25
Indian rupee	13.25-13.25
Indra pence	24.50-24.70
Israeli dirar KO	0.4480-0.4490
Israeli sheqel	1.50-1.50
Mexico peso	0.0385-0.0385
New Zealand dollar	2.770-2.777
Saudi riyal	0.58-0.58
Singapore dollar	3.616-3.625
Sri Lanka rand	0.455-0.455
Sri Lanka rand	0.455-0.455
U.A.E. dirham	0.1675-0.1675

*Lloyd Bank, Rates supplied by Bank and European Bank

Italy	1,880-1,880.0
Belgium (Com)	39.50-39.10
Hong Kong	70.125-70.125
Portugal	153.50-154.10
Spain	122.60-122.60
Switzerland	1.31-1.31.1

Base Rates % Clearing Banks 12 Month Nov 71

Discount Market Loans %	
Overnight 10% 12 1/2% 12 1/2% 11 1/2%	
Treasury Bills (Discount %)	
1 week 2 1/2% 11 1/2% 3 1/2% 11 1/2%	
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)	1 month 11 1/2%
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Time Bills (Discount %)	1 month 11 1/2%
3 months 12 1/2% 12 1/2% 6 month 11 1/2%	
Local Authority Deposits (Discount %)	
1 week 12 1/2% 3 1/2% 12 1/2% 3 1/2%	
6 month 12 1/2% 3 1/2% 12 1/2% 12 1/2%	
2 day 11 1/2% 12 1/2% 11 1/2% 11 1/2%	
Local Authority Bonds (%)	
1 month 11 1/2% 11 1/2% 12 1/2% 12 1/2%	
6 month 12 1/2% 12 1/2% 12 1/2% 12 1/2%	
Shorting Cds (%)	1 month 11 1/2%
3 month 12 1/2% 6 month 11 1/2%	
Discount Cds (%)	1 month 11 1/2%
3 month 12 1/2% 6 month 11 1/2%	

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 month	3 month	6 month
Dollar	5 1/2-7 1/2	5 1/2-7 1/2	5 1/2-7 1/2	5 1/2-7 1/2
Deutschmark	5 1/2-7 1/2	5 1/2-7 1/2	5 1/2-7 1/2	5 1/2-7 1/2
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GOLD

Open 5367.50-5368.00 Close 5366.75-5366.95

High 5367.50-5368.00 Low 5365.50-5366.00

COINS:

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Open	High	Low	Close	Vol	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling									
Dec 85	91.15	91.15	91.15	10749	US Treasury Bond				
Mar 86	90.78	90.85	90.74	403	88-01	88-01	88-21	88-27	2206
Jun 86	90.51	90.51	90.51	10	88-27	88-27	88-27	88-27	10
Dec 85	90.51	90.51	90.51	10	Long Gilt				
Mar 86	90.18	90.17	90.18	94	88-07	88-07	88-07	88-07	2861
Jun 86	90.11	90.12	90.11	94	88-07	88-07	88-07	88-07	11682
Dec 85	90.11	90.11	90.11	10	FT-SE 100				
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Jun 774-775	Dec 850-850	Dec 850-850	Dec 850-850	Dec 850-850	Dec 850-850
Dec 804-805	Vol 6254	Vol 6254	Vol 6254	Vol 6254	Vol 6254
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Mar 1185-1184	Vol 2303	Vol 2303	Vol 2303	Vol 2303	Vol 2303
SUGAR					
Dec 217.8-18.0	Oct 207.4-08.6	Oct 207.4-08.6	Oct 207.4-08.6	Oct 207.4-08.6	Oct 207.4-08.6
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Angela Rumbold outlines the key challenge for education and employers posed by the falling number of school-leavers

The coming decade will present the business community with many challenges. The effects of 1992, for example, will be both widespread and profound. Most employers now realise this and are taking steps to assess and act upon its implications for them. But fewer — too few, in fact — are yet aware of another significant change that will demand an equal shift of attitudes and approaches if it is to be tackled successfully. This is the sharp decline in the number of young people entering the labour market.

But the facts are stark. In 1982 Britain had 3.7 million young people in the 16 to 19 age group. In 1986 the corresponding number was less than 3.5 million. By the middle of the next decade it will have fallen to less than 2.6 million. For employers and school-leavers the buyers' market of the 1980s will become a sellers' market in the very near future.

This means that if they are to compete successfully for the recruits they need, many employers will have to adopt a more flexible, open-minded and imaginative approach. The labour surplus of the 1980s — also a product of demography — has presented scant challenge to employers' traditional attitudes. In particular, it

has not helped women to move into areas of employment that have been generally regarded as male preserves.

That will have to change. Employers will no longer be able to turn their backs on women engineers; to write off female staff when they have babies; or to consider men better fitted for senior management than women. Equally, they will have to be prepared to consider recruiting young men to jobs they may still regard as "women's work".

Employers will be under pressure to adapt not just their recruitment arrangements but also their policies on career structures, working conditions and the like. Those employers who adopt a flexible approach will be able to recruit the candidates who are best suited to the jobs, regardless of gender; and this must in the long run benefit not just the individuals concerned and their employers, but also society and the economy as a whole.

Meeting this challenge is not, of



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course, the sole responsibility of industry. The education system also has to play its part. The first essential is to ensure that every pupil is stretched to the limit of his or her abilities; and each must have a good grounding in a broad range of curriculum subjects.

Industry's need for technologists, engineers and scientists will be satisfied only if girls understand that they are capable of such work; and girls must also be encouraged to see that they can

succeed as top managers in all kinds of work. Once again there is another side to the coin. Modern languages, long regarded as a more "natural" feminine pursuit, will have to figure among the basic accomplishments of many more school-leavers, boys as well as girls, if we are to make the most of the opportunities offered by the Single European Market.

The initiatives introduced by the Education Reform Act lay the groundwork for those necessary

changes. The national curriculum means that girls will no longer be able to succumb to the temptation, sometimes, regrettably, the expectation, of giving up hard science — physics and chemistry — at the age of 13.

Boys will not be able to opt out of learning French and Spanish. Attainment targets will ensure that pupils have challenging objectives to work for. Assessment arrangements will identify both those who need extra help and those who need to be set more exacting goals.

Education, also, has a part to play in bringing about a change in attitudes. It is not just among employers that stereotyped notions are harboured. Many girls, and boys, are deterred from even considering certain careers by peer-group pressure. Too many accept without question the traditional views expounded by older relatives and even the role models presented at school.

Impressions of bleak employment prospects die hard. Schools will have great barriers to over-

come if they are to convince their pupils that it is going to be different for them. But they will be doing pupils a disservice if they underplay the wide and challenging opportunities facing new entrants to the labour market in the next decade.

It will be pupils who incline towards non-traditional types of work who will need the greatest encouragement. They should be able to look to their teachers for an unblinkered view of the difficulties they may encounter and, at the same time, the support they need in overcoming them.

Already schools are embarking on new ways of preparing the next decade's school-leavers for adult life. Increasingly, they are establishing links with local businesses, by, for example, co-opting business people on to their governing bodies, by working with local firms in arranging carefully planned work experience placements for pupils, through staff secondments and exchanges, and by workplace visits — and here the

potential of collaboration with primary schools, and not just at the secondary level, must not be underestimated.

Schools will also have to prepare their pupils for the greater emphasis that the labour market of the 1990s will place on post-recruitment training and retraining. Some employers will, as now, lay on formal training programmes. But many will look increasingly to their employees for self-managed training. Such an approach does not come easily if you have not been schooled in it. But open learning is used more and more in our schools today, and this is a trend that must continue.

Initiatives of this sort help to show young people these important new concepts at a stage when they are most receptive to them. It is crucially important that their subsequent experiences should not cause them to turn back to old, received notions about the world of work and their place in it. The country simply cannot afford not to make the best use of every individual's talents, and we owe it to the school-leavers of the 1990s to prepare them, and ourselves, for the challenges.

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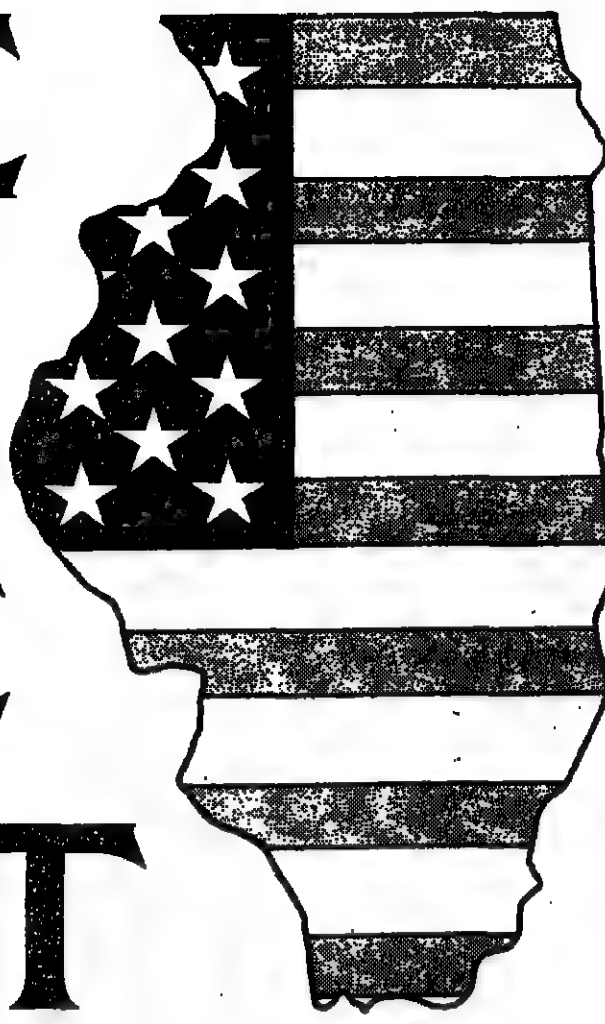


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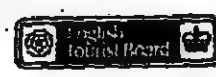
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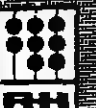
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Impeccably-bred Rose Campion jockey is poised to initiate Ives double

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Tony Ives can take the riding honours at Lingfield Park today by landing a double on Rose Campion (2.15) and Thunderflash (4.15).

The sight of Rose Campion in the paddock before the EBF Brokers Maiden Stakes will evoke memories of Rose Bowl, as she is the sixth produce of that fine filly who won the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes twice in addition to the Champion Stakes.

With Mill Reef as her sire, Rose Campion is a sister to Antigua Rose and Rose Reef who, while being useful, did not fully live up to their illustrious parentage. Rose Campion seems to have fallen into the same category, for while that narrow defeat at the hands of Racing Home at Newmarket in July indicated that she ought with a race of this nature, she too is unlikely to hit the high spots.



Tony Ives: double prospects this afternoon at Lingfield.

However, her chance of landing my nap has been improved considerably by a high draw, which is usually preferable at Lingfield in a big field.

I have heard encouraging reports of the Ray Lang-trained newcomer, Bold Speculation, but in this instance I regard 'You Missed Me' as

Rose Campion's principal danger.

It is hard to believe that Thunderflash, my selection for the GRE Blue Plan Maiden Stakes, has still to break her duck for she has run some fine races in defeat.

Last time out at Folkestone she was six lengths clear of the remainder when going under by just half a length to the younger Breezeed Well, who had won his previous race well. To me, that suggests Thunderflash ought to be capable of losing her maiden tag here.

At York, I give Alan Bailey's consistent four-year-old filly Rio Piedras a sound chance of winning the Allied Dunbar Handicap. She finished six lengths ahead of the remainder at Haydock last Saturday when she was beaten only three-quarters of a length

by Cathedral Peak, and being by Kala Shikari out of a mare by Hymn Glory might be better suited by today's shorter distance.

My other principle fancy on the Knavesmire is Tajriba in the Little-Gee Apprentices Handicap. When he finished last of five at Goodwood last time out he was acting as a pacemaker to his stable companion Mito, but before that had run well enough in amateur riders' races at Yarmouth and Newmarket to suggest he would be an ideal mount for an apprentice.

I will not be surprised if the recent easy Ludlow winner St William denies Tarn a second successive victory in the Studd Challenge Cup at Cheltenham, where Abbreviation is taken to continue Josh Gifford's bright start to the season by starting the Swindon Town Handicap Hurdle.

Paralysed jockey is transferred

Jessica Charles-Jones, paralysed from the waist down after breaking her back in a fall at Southwell on Monday, was yesterday "comfortable" in the spinal unit of Oldstock Hospital, near Salisbury, after being transferred from the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham.

Jessica, aged 22, the wife of Charles-Jones, was injured when her mount, the 33-1 outsider St Anle, came down at the final flight of the Old Gold and Jewels Conditional Jockeys' Novices' Hurdle.

One of three daughters of the Devon-based trainer George Turner, Jessica rode her first race six years ago and this season was first conditional jockey to Rod Simpson at Lambourn. Her sister, Tracy, was also severely hurt earlier this year when concussed in a racecourse fall.

This is the latest chapter in what has already been a bleak season for National Hunt racing. Vivian Kennedy died of head injuries after a fall at Huntingdon, and Paul Croucher was killed in a car accident.

Early signs suggest Million success

From Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent, Kill

The results of the first session of the three-day Cartier Million Sale at Kill on Tuesday evening indicated Jonathan Irwin's bold scheme is an outstanding success as far as the Irish breeding industry are concerned.

In direct contrast to the worldwide trend this year, the average was up considerably with 84 lots sold for an aggregate of 17,236,500 guineas. This represented an average of 186,131 guineas compared with 178,189 guineas in last year.

The top-priced lot was a handsome looking colt by Sadlers Wells, who, after opening at 20,000 guineas, was finally knocked down to a bid of 490,000 guineas from Tom Cooper of the British Bloodstock Agency (Ireland). Anthony

Shaw, acting for Mohammed was the underbidder.

The yearling is to join Peter Walwyn at Lambourn, although the identity of the purchaser is not yet known. "The buyer is a half-breed," said Irwin, "He doesn't want any publicity although he'll probably get plenty in due course."

This reverse auction, Sheikh Mohammed and his brother, Hamdan Al-Maktoum, dominated the proceedings. Shadwell Estate, acting on behalf of Hamdan, paid 134,000 guineas to the Cartier Million for a half-bred by Al-Maktoum, to Al-Tajik, who carried the Sheikh's colours to victory in the Grand Prix de Paris and the Melbourne Cup.

His family was certainly in the news as Myonard, the filly's dam, is also the granddam of the Sadlers Wells colt which topped the session.

Shadwell Estate also bought a colt by Dittis, the sire of this

Win fulfils owner's ambition

By Christopher Goulding

Giulia Padraig's convincing eight-length win in the Independent Retailers Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase at Cheltenham yesterday fulfilled a lifelong ambition for his owner James Walker.

"I have been trying to win a race on this course for over 30 years," said Walker. "This will cheer up my trainer, Arthur Stephenson, who is not too well at the moment with a heavy cold. Giulia Padraig is likely to return for the Mackeson Gold Cup on November 12."

Martin Pipe completed a treble, his first at Cheltenham, when he won the Mackeson Gold Cup, the National Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase and the Mackeson Gold Cup on November 12.

Simon Dow, in his third season training, saddled his first winner at the track when Can't Disclose landed the Wholesale Chemists Handicap Hurdle. "I have a good horse in Rough Ascat last season, whom I hope will be good enough to win one of the novices' hurdles here at the Festival meeting," said Dow.

Nicky Henderson, who had a fruitless trip to the course when taking out his intended runner, Over And Above, because of the firm ground, declared Surf Board to be in good form for his trip to the United States where he had been scheduled to race for the Sport Of Kings Challenge.

"He flies out today and Steve Smith-Eccles has the ride," said Henderson. Six other runners from Britain are scheduled to make the trip for the first leg of the contest which takes place at Nashville, Tennessee, tomorrow week.

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YORK Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Alshabhad.

2.30 Merry Kate.

3.00 Rio Piedras.

3.30 Silks Princess.

4.00 Emsley Choice.

4.30 Tajriba (nap).

Michael Seely's selection: 2.00 Anglie Note.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 Emsley's Choice.

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Football may be winning its war against hooligans

Figures produced in a new report could strengthen football's hand in its attempt to dissuade the Government from introducing a compulsory national membership scheme.

The anti-hooligan measure is scheduled to come into operation next season. A committee, chaired by the Minister for Sport, Colin Moynihan, and comprising representatives from the League, Football Association, police and Government is now working out the details.

But Graham Kelly, the FA secretary-designate, has warned that the scheme could lead to a 25 per cent drop in attendances and his claim that the hooligan problem inside grounds has been largely beaten appears to be borne out by a report issued yesterday by The Football Trust.

Titled *A Digest of Football Statistics*, it is a comprehensive statistical review of the 1986-87 season and among its findings are that the average number of arrests per 10,000 spectators at first division matches during the season was 2.2. That figure compares with an average of 3.8 arrests per 10,000 fans at Dutch first division games during the same season.

The figure for the four Football League divisions as a whole was slightly higher at 3.2 but an average of three arrests in 10,000 spectators appears to support Kelly's claim that "you can count the

number of serious incidents per season virtually on the fingers of one hand".

But the report also details the high number of ejections, but without a subsequent arrest, which took place at several clubs during the season. There were 622 ejections at West Ham, 528 at Tottenham, 314 at Aston Villa and 245 at Chelsea. The average for arrests and ejections together per 10,000 supporters throughout the League was 6.9 per match.

Chelsea are "top of the table" in two of the charts. There were 222 arrests at Stamford Bridge during 1986-87 and it was also the most expensive ground to watch football, with the average admission price £5.38. Manchester United recorded the highest gate receipts for the season, totalling £2.4 million, with Liverpool, Tottenham, Everton and Arsenal grossing more than £2 million through the turnstiles. Halifax had the lowest ticket sales at £54,000.

The average attendance throughout the League rose to 8,600, the first increase since the 1975-76 season, with the play-offs and the link with the Vauxhall Conference producing the biggest increase of 21 per cent in the fourth division. Manchester United had the best average home attendance of 40,600 and Liverpool were the most popular away side, attracting an average of 28,900.

The report also reveals how the richest clubs grew richer and the poorer clubs were even worse off. Under new League regulations governing redistribution of income, first division clubs gained £1.7 million while third division clubs lost £834,000 and fourth division clubs had a 13 per cent or £848,000 loss. Tottenham's contribution to the pool was highest at £195,000.

Other figures given in the report include:

● Players' salaries hit a new peak at £34.6 million, nearly double the 1979-80 figure.

● Attendances at League matches increased by 5.5 per cent, the first increase in eight seasons and the largest proportionate increase since 1966-67 when England basked in World Cup glory.

● Receipts for League matches rose 14 per cent to £55.84 million; and receipts for England internationals reached a record average level of £478,000.

● Sendings-off rose to 215 but cautions were at their lowest level since 1982-83.

● Arrests averaged only one per match at a quarter of clubs but only Luton, Southend and Stockport County registered no arrests during the season.

● Stockport also boast the hottest managerial seat in the country with 24 occupants since the war. West Ham have been the most loyal club with only four managers during the same period.

Johnson talks of running again

Toronto (Reuters) — Ben Johnson, declaring his innocence in a drug scandal that cost him an Olympic gold medal, has vowed to clear his name and run again in the Olympics.

"I would never embarrass my family, my friends and my country — and the kids who love me," Johnson told his first press conference since he returned home to Canada from Seoul in disgrace. "I have never, ever, knowingly taken illegal drugs," he said.

"My mother taught me that there is only one way to win and I plan to come back still a champion and a winner at the next Olympics."

The Jamaican-born runner, flanked by his smiling family, did not explain the presence of the banned substances in his urine after the race.

Johnson's attorney, Edward Futerma, who advised Johnson not to answer questions from the reporters, said he hopes to appeal against the International Amateur Athletic Federation's decision that bans him from competition for at least two years.

"He's not pointing any fingers," Futerma said. "He feels confused. He's trying to put the pieces together."

Futerma, responding to queries from professional football clubs eager to get the

muscular sprinter into uniform, said Johnson will keep on running.

"I have been assured by Ben that he has no intention of playing pro football," Futerma told the news conference crowded by 100 journalists and 25 television cameras. "He wants to pursue his career as a runner. He wants to run as a Canadian."

Futerma also denied that Johnson talked to reporters from the West German magazine, *Stern*, which published an exclusive interview earlier this week. "He did not speak to the *Stern* people," he said.

Johnson also asked the media to end their vigil outside his suburban home that began when he returned from Seoul a week ago. He and his family have scrapped with reporters seeking his comments on the drug scandal. "My family and I need some time and peace," he said.

Earlier in the day, his long-time coach, Charlie Francis, alleged that the anabolic steroids found in Johnson's urine sample in Seoul were the result of sabotage.

"Such a test result defies all logic and, in my opinion, can only be explained by a deliberate manipulation of the testing process," Francis said in a statement.

Suppliers should not go free

Kuala Lumpur (AFP) — A member of the International Olympic Commission said yesterday that the people who supplied Ben Johnson with steroids should not be allowed to go free.

"It was a pity that he was left standing alone," Dr Arne Ljungqvist said. "In the eyes of the world, he takes the whole blame. Those near him disappeared."

Dr Ljungqvist, speaking on sports medicine at the Institute for Medical Research here, said that those involved should be arrested. He also dismissed claims by Canadian officials that Johnson's drink might have been spiked.

Johnson, aged 26, was disqualified from the Seoul Olympics and had his gold medal for the 100 metres withdrawn after he tested positive for Stanozolol, an anabolic steroid.

Dr Ljungqvist said tests on Johnson's urine taken immediately after his record-breaking run showed that the athlete had been on an anabolic steroid over a progressive period. The urine test showed that his own steroids production was low. This means the adrenal glands were under suppression for some time, Dr Ljungqvist said.

Resurrection of Butcher is signalled by emphatic win

From Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Katowice

GKS Katowice 2
Rangers 4

(Rangers win 5-2 on aggregate)

Terry Butcher has resurrected his career in a silesian field. The England and Glasgow Rangers central defender, whose leg was shattered 11 months ago, scored his first goals since his horrific injury here yesterday afternoon to lift his side into the second round of the UEFA Cup.

Rangers, unhinged at the start, were led by their captain to a dramatic recovery that was ultimately as emphatic (the margin was 5-2 on aggregate) as it was unlikely. Only once before, in Bo Vista, had the unbeaten leaders of the Scottish Premier League won on foreign soil in the last six years.

By a happy coincidence, Butcher will return to the scene of his triumph in a different but equally challenging capacity. He will be the central figure in England's security in the World Cup qualifying tie against Poland to be staged in the same ground.

than malicious on Walczak a few yards outside the area. Woods, after cautiously checking the positioning of the protective wall, seemed momentarily to lose his footing as the free kick was struck. It curled beyond the scrambling goalkeeper and Rangers, unaccountably rapidly, had allowed their already tenuous advantage to slip away. Strong and forceful character was required.

The captain rose eagerly to the occasion. A mountain of a man, his will and his power in the air was irresistible.

Within an astonishing dozen minutes the player who by his attitude alone is said by England's manager to win games before they start had rescued his Scottish club.

From the first of Walters' corners, Butcher prompted Katowice's goalkeeper to save instinctively. From the second, with a more subtle glancing header, he scored the equalizer. From the next floated cross, a free kick by Wilkins, he punished a flawed and disturbed defence with another accurate nod of his forehead.

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It seemed inconsequential that McCoist should squander an opportunity to increase the lead before the interval. It seemed scarcely any more significant that, shortly after it, Woods should stretch himself to tip one ferocious shot from Kubisztal over the bar and another from Walczak around a post.

But then Katowice roused themselves, the game and their vociferous crowd by pulling level. Woods, unsighted by the assembly gathered in front of him, was beaten from long range by Kubisztal.

Yet the Polish fires of hope were aflame for no more than nine minutes. The Rangers response was again effective and almost instant.

Katowice were undone by another corner from Walters which fell conveniently at the feet of Durrant. Dispirited, the unbeaten leaders of the Polish League were broken for the fourth and final time in spectacular fashion by Ferguson a dozen minutes from the end.

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● London Irish will be fielding four Ireland internationals: John Hewitt, Brendan Mullin, Neil Francis and Don Whitte. Against Northampton in their Courage Division Two clash at home on Saturday.

The favourite brought to his knees



Old Spanish custom: Ballesteros gets up, or rather down, to his tricks at Silverstone (Photograph: Matthew Harris)

Ballesteros geared for victory

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

Severiano Ballesteros's attempt to gain a record-equaling fifth victory in the Sunbury World Match Play Championship at Westworth was threatened by his passion for road cycling.

"I was cycling at speed on Sunday, changed gears, lost control and went sprawling," Ballesteros, who is installed as favourite by all the leading bookmakers, said yesterday. "At first I thought I had broken my arm. I was in a lot of pain and I still am. My hip is very colourful — all black,

blue and yellow — but I've practised with no ill effects. So all should be OK."

The Spaniard, who won the title in 1981, 1982, 1984 and 1985, has an additional 24 hours in which to recover. As one of the leading four seeds, he is not obliged to compete until the second round tomorrow.

Ballesteros has had rare defeats in each of the last two championships. He lost by 7 and 6 to Roger Davis, of Australia, in 1986 and he was beaten on the 36th green by Ian Woosnam, the eventual winner, a year ago.

"We will have to see if I get the chance of revenge against Ian," Ballesteros added. "If that is to be the case then it will depend on both of us reaching the final. Since this is an extremely difficult championship to win, the prospects of that happening must be reduced. Even so, I am here to try and equal the record of five wins set by Gary Player."

Woosnam insists that Westworth is his favourite course. "I get excited just being here," he said. "I can't wait to get on the first tee. It was great last year to become the first British golfer to win this title. It would be marvelous to successfully defend it. That record could stand for a long time."

"If I can't win then I would love it to be Sandy Lyle. He has paid his dues in this championship, beaten four times in the final, and for me he deserves more than anyone else to win it."

Nick Faldo, the 1987 Open champion, Ballesteros, Lyle and Woosnam, the four seeded players, will practice today when the first round unfolds with Barry Lane, the Bell's Scottish Open champion, facing Joey Sindelar. Sunbury preview, page 42

Imran expected to return as captain

From Richard Streeton, Lahore

Imran Khan, who will be 36 in December, is expected to return as captain for the forthcoming Pakistan visit to Australia and New Zealand. Imran declined to take part in the present series in Pakistan against Australia because he believed it was an unsuitable time of the year to play in terms of heat and humidity.

No official announcement has yet been made and though Imran has finished with English county cricket, he has never ruled out the possibility that he would continue at Test level. The Pakistan players assembling here for the third and final Test with Australia tomorrow are confident he will be back and that Javed Miandad, for the fourth time, will hand back the captaincy.

Imran, who has recently been in London, is expected to visit Pakistan shortly, when he will meet board officials and the selectors. Pakistan will make up the third side with Australia and West Indies this season in the usual one-day World Series Cup and then go on to New Zealand for three Test matches. These could bring a good series and extend Pakistan more than they have been in recent weeks.

The Pakistan captaincy has always rested more easily on Imran's shoulders than on Miandad's, whose feelings about the role fluctuate. At one time Miandad was loathe to take on the job this season, even in Imran's absence.

When he was appointed against Australia he sought some kind of long-term guarantee that he would retain the post even if Imran returned. But Miandad has since said he would not mind giving way.

Miandad had an unhappy visit to Australia in 1981-82 when he had a notorious clash physically with Dennis Lillee at Perth in the first Test match. He has often said that captaincy effects his batting but successive scores of 211, 43, and 107 mean he can hardly claim that during the present series.

He has some way to go next weekend if he is to surpass the record aggregate for a three-match series. This stands to the credit of Zaheer Abbas, who made 583 runs at an average of 194.33 in five innings against India in Pakistan during 1978-79.

Australia, who remain 1-0

behind, could be cheered slightly by the fact that the pitch at the Gaddafi Stadium here for the coming match is expected to have more grass on it than usual. Irrespective of whether Australia include McDermott, their fastest bowler, for the first time, a seamer's pitch could help Waugh to retain his Test place. Waugh is too good a player not to make runs soon and his medium-pace bowling should help.

Pakistan will probably field an unchanged team, though the grapevine has it that they soon intend to blood Mushtaq Ahmed, the young leg spinner. The two one-day internationals in Lahore and Karachi after the Test match, which complete the Australian tour, will both be played over 45 overs. Thanks to the threat of heavy fines, the World Cup programme on the sub-continent was completed with 50-overs being bowled in every game, but the team managers have agreed that this might not be possible in the present grueling weather conditions. Pakistan suggested 40-over matches, but the Australians stuck out for 45 overs.

Brown suspended pending inquiries

By Louise Taylor

Kerrith Brown was yesterday suspended from domestic competition by the British Judo Association after an "in-depth" interview by the association's management committee.

Brown, who was stripped of his Olympic bronze medal after a positive drugs test in Seoul, spent more than two and a half hours locked in a private meeting with the management committee at the association's headquarters in north London.

Afterwards, Brown refused to comment before being bundled into a car by four heavyweight minders. Michael Leigh, the chairman of the association, was more forthcoming, however, and said: "The British Judo Association is requesting a joint investigation with the British Olympic Association [BOA] in order to finally clear the matter up and reach a fair and just decision based on all relevant data. Some inquiries are not yet finalized. We hope to be able to issue a statement within a few days. In the meantime Kerrith Brown has been suspended from domestic competition."

Arthur Mapp, the British team manager, and Malcolm Abbotts, the coach, arrived unexpectedly at the meeting, having travelled straight from Heathrow following their arrival from Seoul.

"They felt they had to come straight from the airport, especially as Mr Mapp was carrying the official statement from the International Olympic Committee regarding Kerrith," Tony Reay, the association's development officer, said.

Nevertheless, the meeting proved exploratory rather than decisive. As Leigh said: "We have to meet the BOA before anything can be finally decided."

Leigh indicated some degree of sympathy for Brown, who is estimated to have lost £10,000 in sports grants alone since his disgrace.

"The sport has been tarnished but tarnished through ignorance rather than deliberately," Leigh said. "There are very extenuating circumstances in this case. Kerrith was under pressure. He had had the pills for some time and thought they were innocuous."

SPORT IN BRIEF

O'Donnell returns

Simon O'Donnell, the former Australian Test all-rounder, has conquered cancer and was yesterday named captain of the Victoria state cricket team. "This is the greatest thrill I've ever had in cricket," O'Donnell said. "A year ago it was hard to be confident of ever playing again. But I had to set goals when things weren't going all that well. And my goal then was to make sure I played cricket again."

On the road

Lesley Watson, of London Olympiads, who has run more than 100 marathons in Great Britain, is among the starters for the 38th annual London to Brighton road race on Sunday.

Kuiper retires

Hennie Kuiper, the Dutch cyclist, 1975 world champion and runner-up in the Tour de France in 1979 and 1980, is to retire.



O'Donnell: brave fight

Spurs hearing

Tottenham have been summoned to appear before a Football League Commission at Warwick on October 17 to explain why their opening home match with Coventry was postponed. The game was called off only a few hours before the scheduled kick-off because police ruled part of the ground unsafe due to builders rubble left from work on the East Stand.

Higgins' test

Alex Higgins will face a disciplinary hearing of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association at Reading on Monday. The Irishman, aged 39, is to answer complaints about his behaviour after last month's WPSA satellite tournament in Glasgow.

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Garron Emrys, the Penarth flanker who had his jaw broken in a game against Bridgend last March, is to resume training next week. Owain Williams, the other rugby union player involved, is to appear before Barry magistrates in November on a winding charge.

Out on top

Jason Nicolle, last year's runner-up in the British under-23 closed squash rackets championship, is top seed for this season's event, which starts at Lamb's Club tomorrow.

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Flame is kept warm in Spain

From Harry Debelius
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Spanish athletes hardly had time to get off the plane from Seoul before Barcelona was off and running to meet its 1992 Olympic goal.

All but one of the 88 representatives of the Barcelona Olympics Organizing Committee (COOB '92) who went to Korea ignored jet lag yesterday and began sifting through their notes to pick out the lessons they learned there — such as, do not put your press center 30km away from the Olympic Village, and do try to find the secret of oriental citizens' co-operation to ease traffic problems.

The one key member of COOB '92 who was not expected back until tomorrow was its chairman, the mayor of Barcelona, Pasqual Maragall, and by that time he would have a dossier on the do's and don'ts learned in Seoul on his desk.

COOB '92's chief spokesman, Pedro Palacios, diplomatically avoided criticism of the Seoul organization, which offered maximum facilities to the Barcelona visitors. Nevertheless, he pointed out that many characteristics of the Olympics of a given year are the result of the characteristics of the place where they take place.

"For instance," he said, "the Barcelona Olympics will be characterized by human warmth, because it's our Latin nature. Orientals are more disciplined, more polite, less spontaneously effective."

Cosmopolitan city steeped in culture

Barcelona will take care, too, to have more people who speak good English and French. Although greater Barcelona is a city only about one-third the size of the Korean capital, linguists should not be hard to find and prizes laid on its culture and European outlook.

Burning the torch at both ends, the Barcelona Olympics Organizing Committee, COOB '92, yesterday plunged into the final details of a £15 million four-year run-up, known as the "Cultural Olympics", designed to put Barcelona on the map before the Games begin.

The first event, scheduled for next Saturday night, is a four-hour concert on a specially constructed stage in front of the monumental fountain at the foot of Montjuic, the mountains where many of the games will take place in the "Olympic Ring".

King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia have confirmed that they will attend, and the show — with proceeds from the tickets going to the International Red Cross for the benefit of children affected by wars — will be broadcast by television in Spain, Britain, Austria, France, Italy, Japan, West Germany and the United States.

Announcers are to include Michael York, Franco Nero, Brigitte Nielsen, Joan Manuel Serrat and Luis Pasquel.

Aim of minimizing cost to citizens

The all-star cast of the variety show includes Montserrat Caballé, José Carreras, Barbara Hendricks, Rodolfo Nureyev, Freddie Mercury, Dianne Warwick, Spandau Ballet, Natalie Cole, Eddy Grant and many others.

The show, and subsequent events, will not cost the organizers a penny if everything goes according to plan. The Japanese agency, Denton, paid \$3 million (about £1.77 million) for transmission rights for Saturday's spectacle, and similar commercial arrangements, according to Margarita Obols, director of COOB '92's cultural division, "will make this ambitious project possible without any cost to the citizens and will make the spread of culture a profitable venture."

The Olympic Games will also pay for themselves, and they might even make a profit, to judge by the plans drawn up by the committee. What officials refer to as a "balanced and austere" budget for the organization of the Games and everything that goes with them calls for expenditure of \$64 million, and for an equal amount of income.

Radio and television rights, for example, are conservatively budgeted to be sold for a minimum of \$293.1 million, but that price is expected to be bid upwards in view of the fact that NBC made a profit after paying \$300 million for television rights in Seoul.

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